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"TRADING SPACES"

Missouri Academy students spent Friday afternoon remaking their version of "Trading Spaces" in the dorm rooms. **see 2A**

BINDING BY FAITH

State Representative Jason Brown is in training to travel overseas to Iraq. **see 2A**

TOWER QUEEN VOTING

Northwest's Blue Key National Honor Fraternity will hold voting for the 2006 Tower Queen March 27 through 29 on CalPAWS. Voting is open to all students.

A judging committee selected five finalists out of 12 nominations Wednesday evening. Tower Queen candidates are nominated by campus organizations and must be active and successful on campus, both scholastically and socially.

The Tower Queen will be crowned at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at the Memorial Bell Tower. For more information, contact Ashlee Freeman, Blue Key member, at S246762@nwmissouri.edu.

2006 Tower Queen Nominees:

Kathryn Brown
Miraya Burnside
Shawndra Kruse
Andrea Garcia
Stephanie James
Rachael Chase
Rachel Lambert
Jennifer Martin
Maria Meinen
Shelly Meyer
Christian Newlon
Jennifer Schultes

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Fifth generation family resides on 140 year-old farm. **see 8B**

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ONE SHOT AWAY

The Northwest basketball team falls short in the South Central regional championship at the buzzer. **see 1B**

University holds health fee forum

By Evan Young
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A panel of University officials hosted an open forum Tuesday to answer questions regarding the justification and benefits of the University student health fee.

The Northwest Student Senate sponsored the forum, the second one this academic year, because of lingering concerns about the fee, passed last summer by the Board of Regents.

The panel included representatives from the University Health Center, Student Affairs office and the office of Finance and Support Services.

At \$70 per trimester, the fee is charged to all students taking six or more credit

hours per trimester. It funds a number of programs and services including communicable disease prevention, the Summer Orientation Advisement and Registration program, Safe Ride and athletic and general physicals for all students.

Officials said the fee was initiated because of the rising costs of providing necessary and quality health services to students. The cost increases are a result of insufficient government funding coupled with high expectations of health services from students and their families.

"We didn't want to gouge students, but have them pay a reasonable amount to run the programs," said Kent Porterfield,

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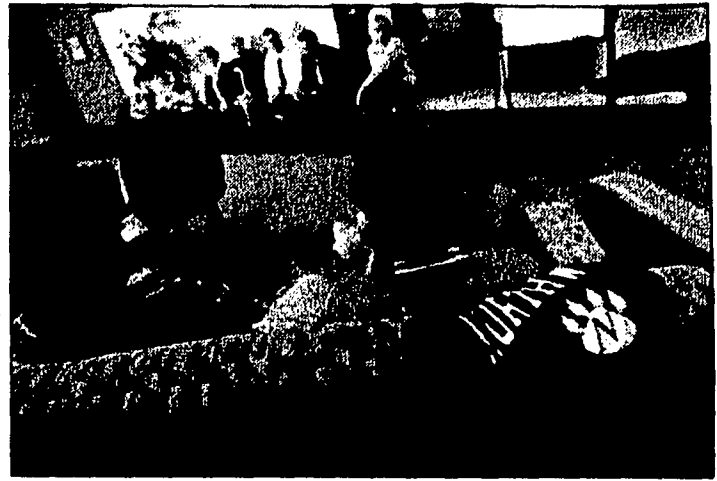


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STUDENTS ATTEND an informational meeting in the Union to answer questions about the health fee that is new to Northwest this year.

BLUSHING BRIDE



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SARAH WINDHORSE walks off stage after displaying her dress at the fashion show during Sigma Society's 2006 Bridal Show, Sunday. Dresses for the fashion show were provided by Studio B, Cottage Creations and Special Occasions.

Man pleads guilty to sex acts with Mo. teen

By Brett Barger
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A Pennsylvania man plead guilty March 6 to coercing a northwest Missouri teen to engage in sexual acts, according to a press release issued by Todd Graves, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Missouri.

Jeffrey Stephen Thomas, 37, of Philadelphia was charged with enticing a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing child pornography.

With Thomas pleading guilty, charges levied against him in a July 20, 2005 federal indictment will be dropped.

The encounter began in September 2003, when Thomas talked to the victim on a chat room.

The two then began talking on the phone and instant messaging, according to the release.

The conversations began to become sexually explicit, when Thomas requested the victim mail personal lewd photos.

She initially declined, but agreed

to take a picture of herself in poses and mail them to Thomas, according to the release.

"Thomas told the victim that he was going to take her away from her troubled home life and back with him to Pennsylvania to begin a life together," Graves said in the release. "He promised her marriage, children, SUVs, a new home, dogs and a better life."

The two finally met in April 2005, when Thomas traveled to Missouri. For the next two days, they engaged in sexual acts at a Comfort Inn.

After they were done, Thomas dropped her off at a location close to her house.

"He told her he would return for her after covering his tracks better," Graves said in the release.

Thomas was taken into custody after a federal search warrant was executed, when the photos of the victim were discovered. Thomas faces up to 30 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000. The FBI and the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department investigated the incident.

Historical structure commemorated

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Eighty-seven years ago, a tornado smashed all of its windows and demolished its roof. Twenty-seven years ago, a fire incinerated many of its facilities. But on Tuesday, April 4, Northwest administrators, faculty, staff and students, both past and present, will come together to celebrate its enduring legacy.

The University will hold a special commemoration of the Administration Building as part of its Centennial Celebration.

The event is divided into two presentations, both of which focus primarily on the 1979 fire. The first, an informal gathering titled "From Fear Through Fervor to Foundations," begins at 3 p.m. on the building's first floor. A group of emeriti and retired staff representing the academic departments housed in the building during the fire will be on hand to visit with attendees.

At 4:15 p.m., the program moves out to the main south entrance for the

formal ceremony. Northwest President Dean Hubbard will give an introduction before introducing the afternoon's keynote speaker, former Northwest President B.D. Owens.

Owens, who preceded Hubbard as president from 1977-1984, will give a speech entitled, "Our Heritage Remembered."

Also scheduled to speak are David and Robert Felt of St. Louis, Mo., who are the grandsons of J.H. Felt, an architect whose firm designed the Administration Building, then known as Academic Hall, nearly 100 years ago.

Rollie Stadlman, vice president of the Northwest Board of Regents, will emcee the program. Stadlman was the station manager for KXCV, Northwest's public radio station, when the blaze destroyed the station's facilities.

A number of guests of honor were invited to the commemoration. Two planning to attend are former administrators Bob Bush and Bob Henry, both of who were

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House higher education bill meets mixed reviews

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House Bill 1865, which Rep. Carl Bearden claims will shift the focus of higher education more toward students than institutions, passed through committee and goes before the rules committee Thursday.

The Special Committee on Student Achievement and Finance approved the bill sponsored by Bearden by a vote of five Republicans to three Democrats. The bill carries revisions for several Missouri financial assistance programs, estab-

lishes the Access Missouri Scholarship Program and makes shifts in appropriations and oversight based on student assistance and performance by individual institutions.

Student financial assistance bears the brunt of the bill's impactful measures. It relaxes the stipulations of the "Guarantee Scholarship Program" by eliminating an extracurricular activity and 2.5 qualifying-GPA requirement and applies the same criminal background disqualifications under the Guarantee Program to the Gallagher Grant Program.

The new Access Missouri

Scholarship Program would provide one-time \$1,000 awards to students either ineligible for the A+ Program or attending institutions that A+ does not cover, though with the same qualifying requirements as A+ and valid at any Missouri institution. Bearden hopes a proposed \$190 million endowment funded by profits from the sale of MOHELA assets would yield 8 percent interest, 5 percent of which would fund Access Missouri with the remainder being returned to the endowment.

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Northwest student admits guilt

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Northwest student and Liberty, Mo., resident Nicholas Bromert plead guilty March 8 to class B felony promoting child pornography in the first degree, and now faces a five to 15-year prison term upon his May sentencing.

Authorities arrested Bromert after building a case in cooperation with the Marin County, Calif., Sheriff's Department and the

Irving, Texas, Police Department after authorities in Texas received images of child pornography from a man in San Rafael, Calif. The trail of computer IP addresses eventually led to Bromert. Bromert was arrested Jan. 20, 2005, and pled not guilty five days later.

Upon obtaining a search warrant, Liberty Police seized two computers and storage devices including CD-ROMs containing at least 150 pictures depicting toddlers to teens under the age of 18

in sexual situations.

"The people who viewed the images were profoundly offended by them," said Jim Roberts, spokesman for the Clay County Prosecuting Attorney. "I suspect if people who have been prosecuting offenders for 10 of 15 years feel their stomachs lurch at these images, then someone else might feel even more of a reaction."

Had Bromert's case gone to

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THE CHEERLEADER



PHOTO BY MIKE DYE / NWMISSOURIAN

BOBBY BEARCAT leads the cheers in Bolivar, Mo., at the South Central Regional Tournament with fellow Northwest fans, March 14. **see 1B** for further coverage.

CAMPUS BEINGS

Alternative Spring Break students raising funds through cards

Students participating in the 2006 Alternative Spring Break program are selling Pizza Hut Fundraising Cards to help reduce the cost of their trip to Birmingham, Ala., which begins March 19.

The cards, which hold a \$95 value, are \$10 each, with \$7 going toward the trip fund. So far, the 30 students have raised approximately \$3,000. To purchase a card, contact Angela Perkins, coordinator of volunteerism and service learning, at 562-1954.

International women to host Womens' History Month forum

Northwest's Intercultural and International Center will sponsor a free discussion forum, hosted by a panel of international women, at noon Thursday, March 30, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Living Room.

The panel will discuss a number of "hot button" women's rights issues in celebration of Women's History Month. Topics include female castration in Egypt, prejudices against Islamic women, Asian women in the workforce and the gender gap in the corporate world. For more information, contact the IIC at 562-1367.

ODK initiates 2005-2006 members

The Northwest chapter of the Omicron Delta Kappa National Honor Society recently announced its new members for the 2005-2006 school year. The 22 members were initiated during a ceremony March 12.

ODK recognizes student leaders in university settings. Members are standouts in five areas, which include scholarship, athletics, campus activities and community service, journalism and creative or performing arts.

This year's new members are Stephanie Costanzo, Jennifer Croskrey, Andrea Garcia, Keejet Gehrt, Cody Gray, Eric Harbin, Dru-Anne Hovis, Zackary Hull, Erin Jewell, Brian Kersten, Stacey Loemker, Jennifer Magel, Erin McCullough, Dane Montgomery, Amanda Moyers, Ryan Murphy, Rebecca Seitz, Lauren Skoch, Deanna Sporleder, Anthony Stiens, Andrew Swatek and Aimee Utsinger.

Third AAUW walk celebrates life of local educator, journalist

The Maryville branch of the American Association of University Women will sponsor the Third Annual Opal Eckert Walk, Saturday, March 18, at Northwest's Lamkin Activity Center. It is open to the public.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the walk lasts from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Refreshments, provided by Hy-Vee, will be available after the walk. The cost to walk is a free-will donation. All proceeds benefit the AAUW Educational Foundation's Opal Eckert Scholarship, which, once fully funded, will provide a yearly scholarship for women.

For more information about the walk, or to make a donation, contact Nina Schneider at 582-2488.

Volunteers needed to fix cemetery

The office of Volunteerism and Service Learning is looking for 20 to 30 volunteers to help restore Shambarger-Cox Cemetery, near Graham, Mo., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 1. Transportation will be provided. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Angela Perkins, coordinator of volunteerism and service learning, at 562-1954.

'Supreme Court 101' speaker

Missouri Supreme Court Justice Mary Russell will speak on at Northwest at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 30, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Her presentation, titled "Supreme Court 101," is free and open to the public. The University's Political Science Club and Pre-Law Society are the lecture sponsors.

Russell was named to the court in 2004. She began her legal career as a clerk for Missouri Supreme Court Justice George Gunn then practiced law with the firm of Clayton and Rhodes in Hannibal, Mo. In 1995 she was appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, serving as chief judge from 1999 to 2000.

Binded by faith

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Faith.

Faith is what binds Board of Regents member Rachelle Brown and her husband Jason.

"I have a strong faith in God and so does my husband," Rachelle said. "We both know that God will take care of us."

Jason, a state representative from Platte County, will be heading overseas to Iraq.

On March 2, Brown left his seat to begin training in Fort Bragg, N.C. He is currently engaged in training exercises.

The couple talks twice a day, and Rachelle is proud of her husband.

"I am so proud of my husband for serving our country. I just have so much admiration and respect," Rachelle said.

Once he completes his training, he will be sent to Iraq to help restore the infrastructure.

Jason is a veteran staff sergeant in the Army Reserves and is a member of VFW Post 4055.

Once her husband leaves for Iraq, she knows that there will be lingering thoughts about his safety.

"I know once he leaves, that I

will have my good days and bad days," she said.

Brown, who has served on the Board of Regents since Jan. 2006, has received a lot of support from her colleagues and friends.

"The president and others have e-mailed me and called," she said. "I have been blessed with wonderful support."

Since 2002, Jason Brown has represented Platte County in the Missouri House of Representatives in the 93rd General Assembly.

He also serves on committees for local government, conservation and natural resources.

He is also the vice-chairman of the crime prevention and public safety committee.

Brown is an alumnus of Northwest, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in government in 1993. He went on to Drake University, where he earned his Master's Degree in Public Administration in 1994.

Rachelle Brown is also an alumnus of Northwest, earning a bachelor's degree in psychology. She is the former director of transfer enrollment and assistant dean of admissions at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo.

Voices direct alum

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Anna-Mae Kobbe was invited to share her story for success as part of the Centennial Alumni Lecture Series.

Kobbe, who holds a Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, received her Bachelor of Science in Education degree in Vocational Home Economics here at Northwest.

She now holds a job with the federal government in the Department of Agriculture, where she is the leader of the family and human development program.

Kobbe explained listening to what others told her made her decisions easier to make.

"If I hadn't listened to voices, I wouldn't be where I am today," Kobbe said.

The voice that brought her to Northwest was that of her principal in high school who convinced her Northwest was the place for her.

She had already been exposed to home economics before coming to Northwest, but really wanted to go into teaching and minor in home economics.

Kobbe found it difficult finding a teaching job after college.

"I was destined not to get those jobs, I was destined to go a different direction," she said.

That different direction was heading south to Columbia, Mo., to work for the Missouri Extension Service as a home economist.

A voice of her friend advised Kobbe to take a similar job in Knoxville, Tenn., which she took. She would later be told by two different people on different days that taking a job in Washington D.C. would be a good idea. Kobbe took that advice and went with it.

The advice that Kobbe gave to those in attendance was, "don't take yourself so seriously."

"Have a passion for what you do, if you don't like what you're doing, get out."

Kobbe said after all her education and all her endeavors, she still remembers Northwest as the place that gave her the fundamentals that she has used in her life.

Frances Shipley, who is the chair and professor of Family and Consumer Science Education introduced Kobbe by saying, "There are two words to describe Kobbe, confident and energetic-enthusiastic."

Trading Spaces

EMI GNEISS AND SARA PENNEPACKER'S room was anything but organized, and the girls weren't too anxious to clean it.

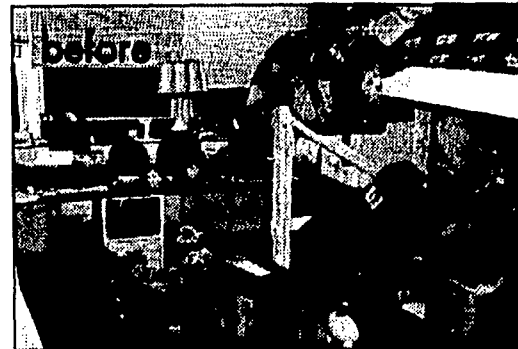


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IT TOOK the skills of fellow hall mates Jessica Platt and Patty Ruth to bring back the clear the clutter.

Missouri Academy students turn TV show into reality

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Seashells, fishnet and patches of fabric added pizzazz to their drab dorm room—and they only went 20 cents over budget.

For the first time, a group of students from the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing were given the opportunity to revamp each others' rooms in a program inspired by TLC's "Trading Spaces."

Jamie Huffman, president of the Missouri Academy Residential Life, was watching television in a friend's room when the idea of applying "Trading Spaces" to Academy housing came to mind.

Huffman said Residential Life was trying to find more activities for Academy students. She ran the idea by the Director of Student Development Sam Jennings, who gave her information about the program since Northwest has done this before in the freshmen residence halls.

The interview process for redecoration candidates began last month. Judging was based on how well the candidates knew each others' tastes and how each pair of students could manage a \$100 budget.

Absolute clutter covered the floor of Sara Pennepacker and Emi Gneiss's room in Cooper Hall. The girls handed their room over to Jessica Platt and Patty Ruth, two very organized girls, to renovate it.

"I've always been messy and our lives are busy and we are not the kind of people that take joy out of cleaning," Griess said.

Two floors above, Platt and Ruth are on the opposite end of the spectrum. They had an organized room but with minimal decorations on the beige walls. The only splash of color was a bright yellow poster with a sarcastic bunny on it facing curtain less windows and a Johnny Depp poster.

"I'm the editor in chief for our yearbook. It's my life and half of my room is more of an office than it is a living area," Platt said.

Pennepacker and Griess said they hoped Platt and Ruth's revamp would help keep their

room organized and clean.

Ruth and Platt said they hoped Pennepacker and Gneiss's redesign of their room would include curtains, a contrast of bright and dark colors and a touch of happiness.

"Sara and Emi are very happy people and we are hoping they can bring their happy second floor west attitude into our room and we can add some fourth floor functionality into their room," Platt said.

Home sweet home

The renovating started 4 p.m., Friday, March 10, and the deadline was at 8 p.m., March 11. As the deadline approached, all four girls were in high spirits they would finish the rooms for the deadline. Huffman said the girls did well with managing their money. Ruth and Platt went 9 cents over the budget and Pennepacker and Griess went 20 cents.

Griess and Pennepacker decided to decorate Ruth and Platt's room in an ocean theme an idea they got from seeing the girl's fish, "Ghoti," swimming in a plain fish bowl.

A shell border wraps around and accents the top of the walls while a patched quilt of contrasting blues is pinned to the ceiling. Their door now also has a palm and seashell pattern giving away the theme of the room before entering the oasis.

Ruth and Platt's main goal was to make the room functional. They purchased things to help keep everything organized and used what Pennepacker and Griess had in the room to decorate.

"I think the room turned out phenomenal. I have never been left so speechless in my life," Platt said. "Sara and Emi's room was a challenge but their room needed it badly. The reward of seeing the faces of both of them was well worth the hours we logged."

Pennepacker now views living in her room as pleasure rather than punishment.

"I think it's so amazing that they (Platt and Ruth) could do this to our room," Pennepacker said. "I feel so much more at home. It's nice and cozy. I don't want to leave it."

Huffman was pleased with the overall result of the experience.

"Both (rooms) turned out very nicely. Sara and Emi's room is functional now and Jessica and Patty's room isn't boring anymore," Huffman said. "I think Residential Life will definitely do it again."

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Former Bearcat enters politics

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After 38 years of serving in public education, former Bearcat Mike Thomson decided to run for the Fourth District state representative spot.

Thomson was formerly an admissions representative for Northwest, but had to resign when he signed up for the primary election, which closed Feb. 28.

Recently the Board of Regents passed a change in their political policy, which stipulates that Northwest faculty must resign from their jobs once they enter a primary election, defining "faculty" as all Northwest employees including everyone from professors to custodians.

"I knew eventually of course that I would have to do that (resign). It came a little sooner than I had wished and it also left the University itself in a little bit of a bind," Thomson said. "But my superiors here have been very kind about it and have helped me work out situation where I can help them and they can help me and we can get through the year."

Thomson said his official tenure at the



Mike Thomson

University has ended but continues to help out on staff to finish out the year.

"It was a little bit awkward. I'm not sure I understand all of the reasoning behind it when you sign up for the primary," Thomson said. "Now once you actually start after the primary is over getting ready for the general election, then I understand that you would have to put a lot of time into it and I think there is a conflict of interest there."

Thomson said he was not upset about resigning and realized it was just one of the many steps he would have to take. He decided to run after he was approached by members of the Republican party and felt it would be great opportunity.

"I'm at a time in my life where I can go out and do something like that because I don't have kids at home, I don't have a lot of other obligations and the timing was right for me," Thomson said.

"I've lived here all my life and it's a real honor for me to be able to have that opportunity."

Thomson said he does not want to take a strong stance on any one issue but would rather follow in the footsteps of his

predecessors and listen to the people, then make decisions based on the situations at hand.

"I think it's a mistake to take one or two issues and say this is what I'm going to do because you're never sure of what you can really get done and it becomes a hollow promise."

"I think what you need to do is assess the needs, listen to the people and try to make the improvements and better things as you get the opportunity," Thomson said. "I'm following some very good people which is advantage for me because the road is already paved, so to speak."

Thomson says he endorses the governor's Lewis and Clark Initiative as long as it does not inhibit college students from accessing loan money.

"Of course I'd like to see Northwest get that \$12 million that was promised because Northwest is very important to me."

Current Fourth District state representative Brad Lager believes Mike Thomson is the right man for the job.

"Mike Thomson is man of great integrity and great character," Lager said. "He has a work ethic second to none and is an individual who truly cares about northwest Missouri."

CITY BRIEFS

Applications for Grant Recycling Projects available

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources donated approximately \$110,000 to the Northwest Missouri Regional Solid Waste Management District. Applications for recycling projects are currently available to be funded in the July 2006 grant cycle.

Any resident, citizen or individual in Atchison, Gentry, Holt, Nodaway and Worth counties with an idea for a project to recycle, reduce or reuse such items such as paper, organic waste, resin plastics or electronics may apply.

Deadline for applications is April 28, with a free informational workshop to help with grant writing from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at the Regional Council of Governments office 114 W. 3rd St., in Maryville.

For more information or to register for the workshop contact Terrance Nickle at (660) 562-5121 or Terrance@mail.nwmorcog.org.

Filmmaking conference features society president

Anyone serious about movie making is invited to the East Hills Library in St. Joseph, Mo., at 7:30 p.m. April 19.

The president of the Independent Filmmaking Coalition of Kansas City, Joe Heyen, will be guest speaking about a new Northwest Independent Filmmaking Society. Artists from professional media and filmmaking veterans will team with students from universities and high schools to discuss the new society.

For more information on the speaker and presentation, contact Bob Shultz at (816) 364-2222, extension 114, or at Frontrow@kq2.com.

STATE SENATE

Neely opposes Lager sets sights on State Senate

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James Neely may feel like the new kid on the block come next January if elected to Missouri Senate.

In August, Neely will go up against Brad Lager for the District 12 Senate seat being vacated by David Klindt.

This is the first time Neely has run for a state office, although he has served the last nine years on the Cameron, Mo., school board.

Neely said he doesn't believe in career politicians and also said if elected he would only serve one term.

"I believe in a citizen government," Neely said. "I'm not a career politician. I think it's a mistake and we need people from a variety of backgrounds entering the political arena."

Neely is currently a doctor at Cameron hospital and believes the day-to-day interaction with the citizens of the district would benefit from his experience in the real world, not politics.

He said he is not familiar with the governor's Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative but supports more funding for people to be able to go to school.

He is not against capitol improvements but wants all the facts on the table before any money is handed out.

"I'm a people person so I like to see money being put back into people," Neely said.

"That's where our resource is."

He also said the budget is a problem and a bill recently introduced in the legislature that would freeze spending at inflation rates sounds reasonable.

Neely believes education and health care need reform as well.

He believes too much emphasis is placed on testing. He said on a day-to-day basis he also sees the struggles many people go through just to pay their medical bills.

"This is terrible the amount of money that is being put into health care and it is a sad state of affairs," Neely said. "Why is this happening, and how can we make changes? We're not getting the bang for our buck and a lot of money is being put in. What's the result?"

Neely would also like to see roads in our state completed in a much more timely fashion.

He said it took 30 years of talking to get Highway 71 completed. He doesn't want it to take 30 more to get Highway 36 complete. He also supports research involving stem cells. Although he doesn't believe in destroying embryos for the sake of taking stem cells, he does think that if the technology is there we should be using it.

"There are stem cells out there in fertility labs that might be useful," Neely said. "The bottom line is I'm into hope, and if there is hope there we need to look at it."

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Northwest graduate and two-term Missouri state representative Brad Lager looks to make a move to the State Senate.

Lager said his No. 1 priority is to represent the people of northwest Missouri and said he is excited by the support people throughout the senate district have given him.

"I'm just a strong advocate... of northwest Missouri," Lager said. "One of the things I said early on when I ran for the house is that I want the people in Jefferson City to know where northwest Missouri is, know who we are and know what our needs are and also be able to communicate to them our opportunities, our challenges and work through those to advance northwest Missouri."

Lager said he feels he has accomplished this in his terms as a representative and wants to continue to address Missouri issues as he did when he was House Budget Chairman in 2005.

"We've done some great things in Missouri... The problem is when there is money, typically, all politicians want to spend."

"Right now what we need more than ever is fiscal restraint and responsible budgeting in the state senate."

Lager also said for the first time in a long time he feels

the state is on a solid financial foundation even though they had to make some tough decisions in order to get there.

"We're not using one-time monies to fund ongoing programs. We're not using structural imbalances that set us up for failure," Lager said. "What I worry about as time gets better people want to start creating new programs to take money back home, but we've got to be responsible stewards of the people's money so that's going to be a top priority of mine."

Lager implied he is still unsure of what the governor's sale of Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority entails and is cautious about spending the \$450 million.

"Even though I applaud the governor's initiative to promote and advance the life sciences, which I'm all supportive of, the problem is the current program has a lot of things in there outside of life sciences," Lager said. "So I'm not going to be in favor of capitol spending just to spend."

"If we're going to do an initiative that facilitates, cultivates life sciences, plant sciences and is focused in on that initiative in moving Missouri forward, I support that."

Lager is a supporter of the Lewis and Clark Initiative, a \$450 million biotechnology



Brad Lager
Missouri Representative

and life sciences proposal, but would also like to see the state pay down its debt.

"I just think it's important that we are very cautious about moving forward with any type of endeavor that would incur additional costs to the state for years to come," Lager said.

"If it's a life sciences, plant sciences initiative I'll be supportive of that. If it's got a bunch of other pork projects in it, I'm not going to support that."

Lettered routes are also an issue that Lager would like to address.

"I think we need to improve these lettered routes because the reality is these are no longer farm to market routes," Lager said. "These roads are covering 18-wheelers, people are using the routes as primary roads to get into work every day. I think we have to acknowledge and understand it and adjust accordingly and thus far MODOT has not done that."

Lager would like to transform health care by returning consumerism to the process and says electronic records have great potential for improving medical technology. He also wants to create legislative incentives for businesses to offer health insurance for their employees.

"If we took care of our bodies like we take care of our cars, the whole health care system would be much different," Lager said. "But I don't believe one silver bullet that fixes this stuff, there are going to be small steps, steps that we need to be taking now because if we're going to get serious about addressing these rising costs of health care, this is not going to something that changes overnight."

Stem-cell research has been a delicate area for Lager.

"Stem-cell research as a whole has great potential, but we have to make sure that we move forward in a manner that also protects life. That is a very delicate balance."

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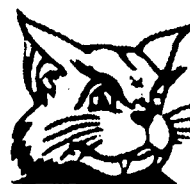


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OURTALK

Less government?

We at the *Northwest Missourian* can't seem to tell the "bad guys" from the "good guys" these days.

It seems for every loyal GOP lackey at every level who extols the virtues of "less government," out pops one more bill granting government dominion over more and more personal aspects of the lives of individuals.

The invasions reach even closer to home than our everyday gripes about Commander in Chief-approved wiretaps, or executive-OK'd espionage.

This dichotomous trend reaches unsettling clarity on Missouri's own legislative agenda.

Republicans who indict "people with left-ideas" for "pushing us away from what made America strong," to quote Rep.

Cynthia Davis, have begun a standoff over legislation including: sweeping abortion bans; a provision to allow pharmacists to refuse to sell medication, if doing so offends their personal morals; and deny alimony to former spouses co-habiting with an unwed boyfriend or girlfriend.

Rather than tackle each bill individually, we simply wish the Missouri GOP would clarify just what they plan to deliver to the state's citizens.

To our representatives, if all of you truly believe a downsized government better serves the people who put you where you are, then step back from imposing your will so that you can hear ours.

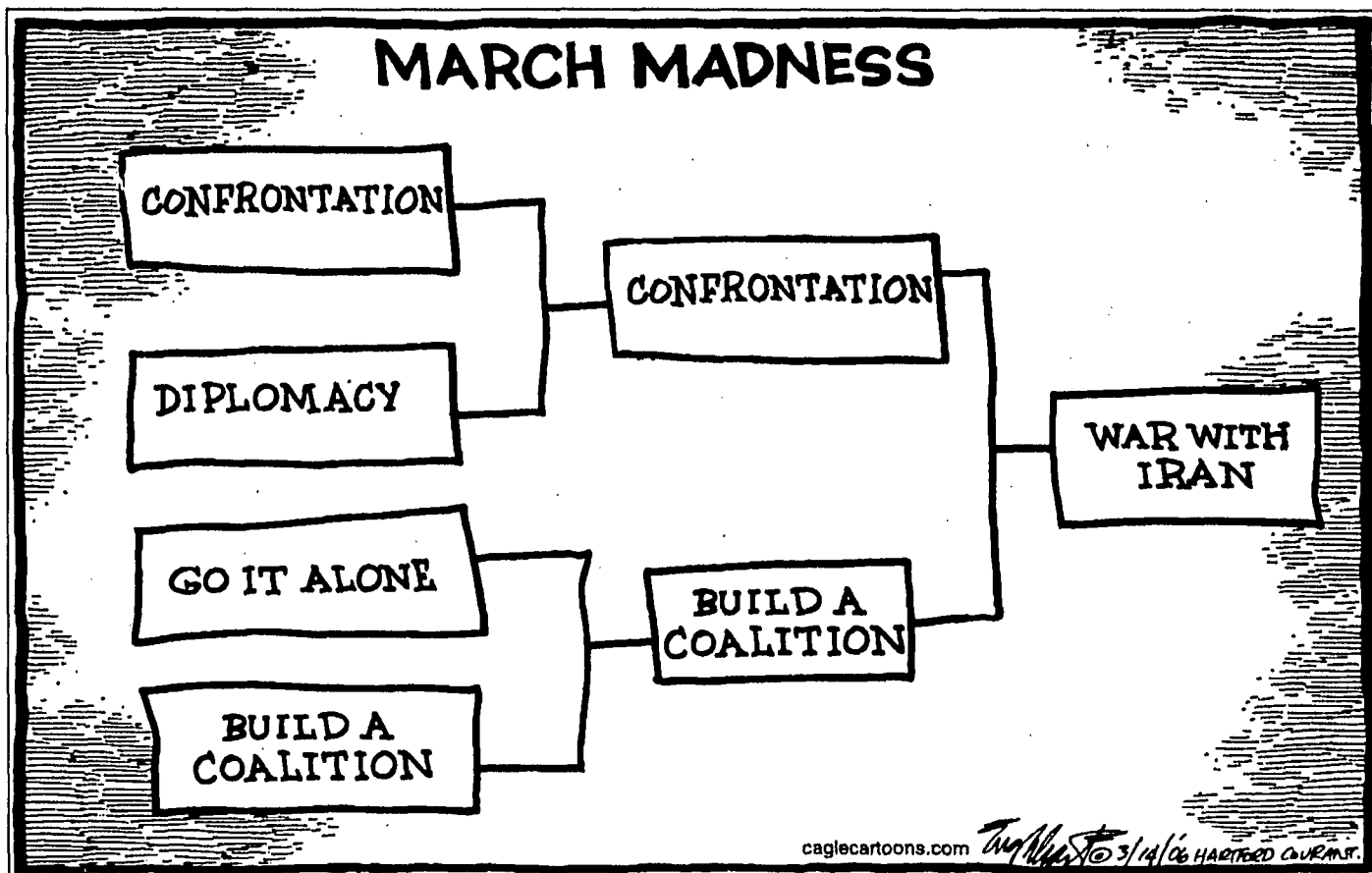
It becomes painfully clear that the GOP has inadvertently distanced itself from the people who entrust to them their collective will.

The people of Missouri don't want to be told what to do. We never did. We want the freedom to make our minds up for ourselves and own the consequences of our own deeds.

The future does not appear to bear cause for optimism. Missouri's trusted lawmakers appear intent on following the lead of South Dakota's abortion ban and letting the majority write a code of moral conduct to be imposed upon the dissenting minority.

The "smaller government" Missouri hoped for seems, by all indications, more intrusive and domineering than the big one we supposedly left behind.

If our lawmakers plan on doing business in this manner, then their time to hold dominion over the most personal, private parts of voters' lives may be very, very short.



Steroid nonsense goes too far

Not that ESPN has the market cornered on self-embarrassment at times, but ESPN.com columnist Patrick Hruby took a stand I just can't bring myself to defend.

Even now, I sit in front of a screen, reading his words and can't fathom how anyone could reach the conclusion that, despite severe biological consequences, "steroids aren't evil. They're medical drugs, used to treat ailments such as a body wasting away from AIDS. And like most drugs, they have side effects."

Enough of this. Granted, ESPN might get the brush-off as a mere sports-journalism leviathan, but for God's sake, don't let Hruby within 100 feet of the gateway to the medical community.

This asinine, from-beyond-left-field line of reasoning (there's a loose use of the word) springs up more and more as Major League Baseball, Barry Bonds, scores of deceased professional wrestlers and other professional athletes roast under the world's biggest magnifying glass. But how exactly does it make an iota of sense that the floodgates need to be flung wide open, since testing can't catch everybody?

But let's all say a warm thanks to Jose Canseco for even whispering the whole idea of condoning doping in the public's ear in the first place. But once again, consider the source.

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Sean Comer
Opinion Editor

questions while providing no answers, please allow me just one more: how can any journalist consider the high-profile trend of professional wrestlers dropping dead at young ages from health complications caused by years of steroid abuse, and call performance-enhancing drugs "harmless?"

But Hruby glosses over the documented, life-threatening consequences of steroid abuse with a "meh, big deal" attitude that hardly does justice to the gravity of the situation at hand. Take a hard look at the growing list of professional wrestlers who have died in the last decade before reaching age 50. Coroner reports in the deaths of former performers Brian Pillman, "British Bulldog" Davey Boy Smith, Richard "Ravishing Rick Rude" Rood and, most recently, Eddie Guerrero all cited abuse of steroids and/or human growth hormones as contributing factors in their deaths. To be specific, in many cases coroners noted severe irreparable damage to the heart or liver.

Why bother even wasting time with the whole "competitive edge" sermon? Encourage the open use of performance enhancers, and the concern should rightfully turn to the strain an advanced training regimen puts on a heart already beaten into submission by years of drug abuse. But ESPN shouldn't care. They get their ratings from the fans who tune in to

see the best muscle money can buy—or that a needle can inject. Then they can cry the expected river decades later over the "unexpected, tragic death" of some athlete who felt the need to alter his or her chemistry for a few more minutes in the limelight.

I won't take ESPN or professional sports to task for "failing to be positive role-models" or "setting a good example." Halfway through the article, a complete fool could tell Ruby knows sports medicine about as well as I know how to fix a carburetor.

I can, and will, take him and ESPN to task for taking the hopeless stance that if we can't catch all the dopers, we might as well just let them all shoot up. That's truly depressing. If you'll never get rid of all of them, just give up entirely? That would cause every bit as many problems as Hruby thinks it would solve.

Governing sports bodies neither must, nor should, be held accountable for what athletes put in their bodies. However, they do not have to allow it. If athletes find it problematic that leagues care enough about their performers' well-being through and after their careers, then they can actually do the unthinkable and actually graduate from college—or not, whatever the case may be—and find another line of work that doesn't care.

In the meantime, Major League Baseball and every other league should reserve the right to adhere to an "Our house, our rules" justification.

Maryville Public Safety reports will appear in the last issue of the month, March 30.

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Parents as teachers: Bridging the gap

As your governor it is my responsibility to ensure our state is building a solid foundation for our children.

They deserve the best, and we must do everything we can to guarantee their education, their safety and their future.

In order to guarantee a first-class education for our children, education will continue to be my highest budget and policy priority.

Last year we increased education funding by \$158 million and passed a new funding formula to deliver money to school districts based on student needs.

This year I proposed an additional increase of \$167.1

Governor's Desk



Matt Blunt
Governor

million to continue to support our children's learning.

At a young age children's minds are eager to learn, and together we must look for opportunities to foster that desire.

Parents as Teachers is an excellent example of a program that works to involve parents in their children's learning, teaching them to become their child's first teacher.

Also, through this program developmental delays a child might have can be identified and addressed early, ensuring a successful future for the child.

This year I asked the general assembly for another \$1 million increase for the Par-

ents as Teachers program. The funding increase represents a worthwhile investment for our children's future.

We must all work together to prepare for tomorrow's leaders for the challenges that await them in our global economy.

To help prepare our children to become tomorrow's workforce, this spring I will convene a Math and Science Summit that will bring the education community, businesses and private organizations together to discuss ways to improve student knowledge in subjects that are fast becoming the cornerstones of our economy and our future.

Statistics show that by 2010, if current trends continue, over 90 percent of all engineers and scientists in the world will be living in Asia.

Engineering degrees in the United States have decreased by 20 percent since 1985.

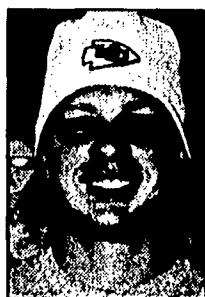
In the United States our fourth graders score high in math and science when compared to other countries but by 12th grade our students score near the bottom.

The Math and Science Summit is a first step to ensure that we are not surpassed by other states and countries that have prioritized these areas of study and so stand to gain good, family-supporting jobs and enhanced opportunities for their citizens.

Our children are our future, and we must work together to ensure that Missouri is creating an environment that fosters a first-class education, prepares them for tomorrow and guarantees their safety.

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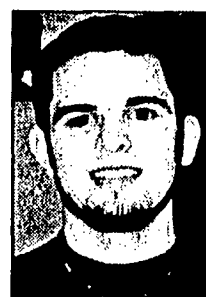
If your house was on fire, what would be the one thing you grabbed before leaving?



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Ashley Knierim
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"Pictures, because of memories,"
Justin Knox
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Republican legislators enforce morality, God—but whose?

I am female, a Christian, a liberal and a college student, making my way into a world that should be embracing all forms of tolerance. I am also living my life according to the way I believe I should live, not based on the decisions someone else has made for me.

In the state of Missouri tolerance and the right to make your own decisions moves further and further away as government legislature invades our homes and our schools with morality enforced policies not accommodating the needs of all citizens.

Current legislature takes aim at a number of hot-button issues involving everything from abortion rights to sex education in school.

One particular piece of legislature, House Bill 1228, claims to aid women looking to make a transition from the work environment back into the household. This bill has been dubbed "The Betty Crocker bill."

The bill would make the Missouri Womens' Council, an advocacy council directed at helping working women, responsible for helping women switch from the work place and into the home.

I see both sides in this debate. Upon first glance it appears much worse than it is. The council's mission would aid women in setting up a home based business.

While I think this is a valid goal, I think there are more important things the council could be working on, such as job security, setting standards for maternity leave or child care. My mother runs a home-based business and I have been there through it all. I believe the majority of Missouri's women benefit through different goals.

The House approved the bill March 6.

Another bill encroaches on the boundaries of what we believe to be the separation of church and state by allowing school districts to teach classes using the Bible as a tool for history, literature and other subjects.

Anyone who attended a public school can see the variety of students enrolled in classes. A public school houses and instructs all of our children

For the Record



Ashley Bolly
Features Editor

and not all of them attend the same churches or come from the same backgrounds.

If Missouri's legislature wants to teach the Bible in school the only fair thing would be to bring in and teach from all religious texts, from the Koran to the Torah. Why should it be OK to present the Christian God as being more significant than any other?

The other solution would be to leave the Bible out of the classroom altogether. Many children seek their knowledge of the Bible in Sunday School classes in a church setting with people sharing the same belief system.

There is no problem teaching the Bible in a college environment where students are mature enough to know what they believe and can choose whether the text is right for them or not.

The Senate Education Committee approved the bill March 7.

Another bill to affect our public schools would require instructors to teach abstinence as being the most important factor fueling sex education.

It also eliminates the requirement that courses teach about contraception, including failure rates and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.

It also instructs that students seeking knowledge about contraception be referred to their doctors. Any student that cannot afford a physician would be forced to find assistance through Medicaid, Planned Parenthood or other free clinics.

The bill also includes that the child's life begins at fertilization.

Now, teaching will include such a strong stance on abstinence, the safe sex part of sex education is no longer important.

This makes sense, because if we stop providing students with safe sex information then they certainly will not engage in sexual activity, right?

Instead, legislature will decide our sexual morality and not the people we trust to instruct our children. The affect of something like this could be disastrous if students cannot confide in their teachers regarding contraception, especially when so many are afraid to approach their parents on such a seri-

ous topic.

The Rules Committee approved the bill March 9.

Another bill takes aim at one of the most politically charged arguments facing our nation: Abortion. Missouri lawmakers will handle another bill banning all abortions.

South Dakota's Gov. Mike Rounds signed legislation to ban all abortions in the state, March 6. Under the bill, abortion would be considered a crime and any physician found guilty would face up to five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

The state will permit an abortion only when the child's birth endangers the mother's life. The bill makes no exception for victims of rape or incest.

Politicians should not be in a position where they are making a woman's personal and private health care decisions for them.

Abortion should not be used as a method of birth control but exceptions should be made for victims of rape or incest. A victim of these crimes should not be forced to suffer further emotional or physical destruction.

The bill will ignite the court battle aimed at challenging the 1973 legislation regarding Roe v. Wade. Similar legislation could be passed in Missouri sooner than we think.

Progression of these bills creates a further divide between people. It is biased to religion and is limiting the amount of say many people have regarding their own lives.

"It's time to get back to the basics," Rep. Cynthia Davis said in a *Kansas City Star* article, Sunday. "Our country has been hijacked by liberals. We've had people with left-wing ideas pushing us away from what made America strong."

While I don't deny these policies are responsible for making America strong, I will say our nation has grown significantly since our Founding Fathers drafted our original policies, and we must grow in our beliefs to accommodate the variety of people our nation is responsible for.

This is not about the political fuel behind who has more power between republicans and democrats, it's about common sense and assuring a future where tolerance and understanding will be behind the morals of today's youth.

GUEST COLUMNS

Democrats own worst enemy

The most recent poll has President Bush's approval rating at 36 percent.

Dick Cheney's approval rating is at 18 percent.

A majority of Americans are unsatisfied with Congress, there's a quagmire in the Middle East with

no end in sight, and the president's top domestic advisor was arrested recently.

I could go on and on, but there's really no need to. We all know how incompetent and mean-spirited the Republican party has been over the years. Despite this, Democrats have not been able to capitalize.

I feel that a lot of people, myself included, aren't sure the Democrats would do much better.

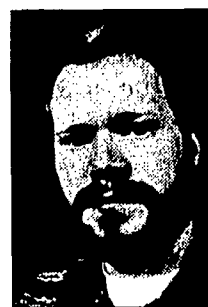
The biggest reason for this is that Democrats haven't taken a stand on anything.

There are exceptions, of course. This week U.S. Senator Russ Feingold proposed that Congress censure the president.

Nevertheless, many view this as a desperate measure, not to mention that a substantial amount of people don't know what a censure is.

When it comes to solutions and a concrete platform on the issues that matter, the Democratic party offers little of substance. Basically what

To the Point



Dustin Boone
Contributing Columnist

you can infer from this is that Democrats have no leadership or organization.

Say what you will about the Republican party, but they know what they want and when they want it, no matter how uncompromising or irrational the idea is.

The best example of this is the last two presidential elections.

Democrats tried to appear like nicer Republicans, but it didn't work. Stop fishing in that pond.

Ninety million registered voters didn't bother to vote in last election because neither party spoke for them.

Instead of siphoning the Republican vote, go after the other ninety million who thought Nintendo was more important that day.

A lot of things, and I mean a lot, have gone wrong for the current party in power.

Many pundits are predicting a turnover in Congress this year.

Don't bet on it. Unless Democrats abandon their hypocrisy and stand up for what they really believe in, they'll never have control and they shouldn't.

The window of opportunity has never been more open, but if the political climate doesn't change, it won't be the Republican party that closes it.

Reitz wants key changes in city

By Michael Rietz
Maryville City Manager

During the month and a half that I have been on the job in Maryville, I have had the opportunity to observe the community and there have been a few things that have jumped out at me as areas of improvement.

None of these things will come as a surprise to anyone who has lived here for any period of time, and the encouraging thing that I have found is that most of these issues have already been identified and have groups working on them.

The issue areas include: Transportation and traffic issues, especially on South Main Street, the redevelopment and continued vitality of the downtown, the creation of new housing and the upgrade of existing housing to better meet the needs of our industry and the University, the maintenance and further development of what we have to offer at Mozingo Lake, economic development and the development of the airport.

This is by no means an all-inclusive list, but it is a list of things that have already jumped to my attention.

In each one of these areas, groups of dedicated community members are working together with representatives of the local governments to work on improvements in all of these areas.

My role as city manager is to help these efforts along

as best I can by providing input based on my experience in municipal management and community development and to provide that connection between these community groups and the city government.

Very soon I hope to start a process with the city council where we will be taking a "big picture" look at the community to develop a vision and a direction to carry us through the next several years.

This will start with a survey of the community to gather baseline information on the citizens' opinions on things like quality of life and delivery of services by their local government.

The council will then evaluate that data and draw some conclusions. After that, we will present our findings to the community for further discussion and input. We expect that we will then see the formation of the "road map" that will help direct our activities and resources over the next several years.

Not only would this further identify the needs in the areas discussed above, but it will also help us discover other needs in the community.

This information will give us guidance for prioritizing the allocation of our existing resources and help us identify and communicate what our resource limitations are.

This should be an interesting process I look forward to getting started.

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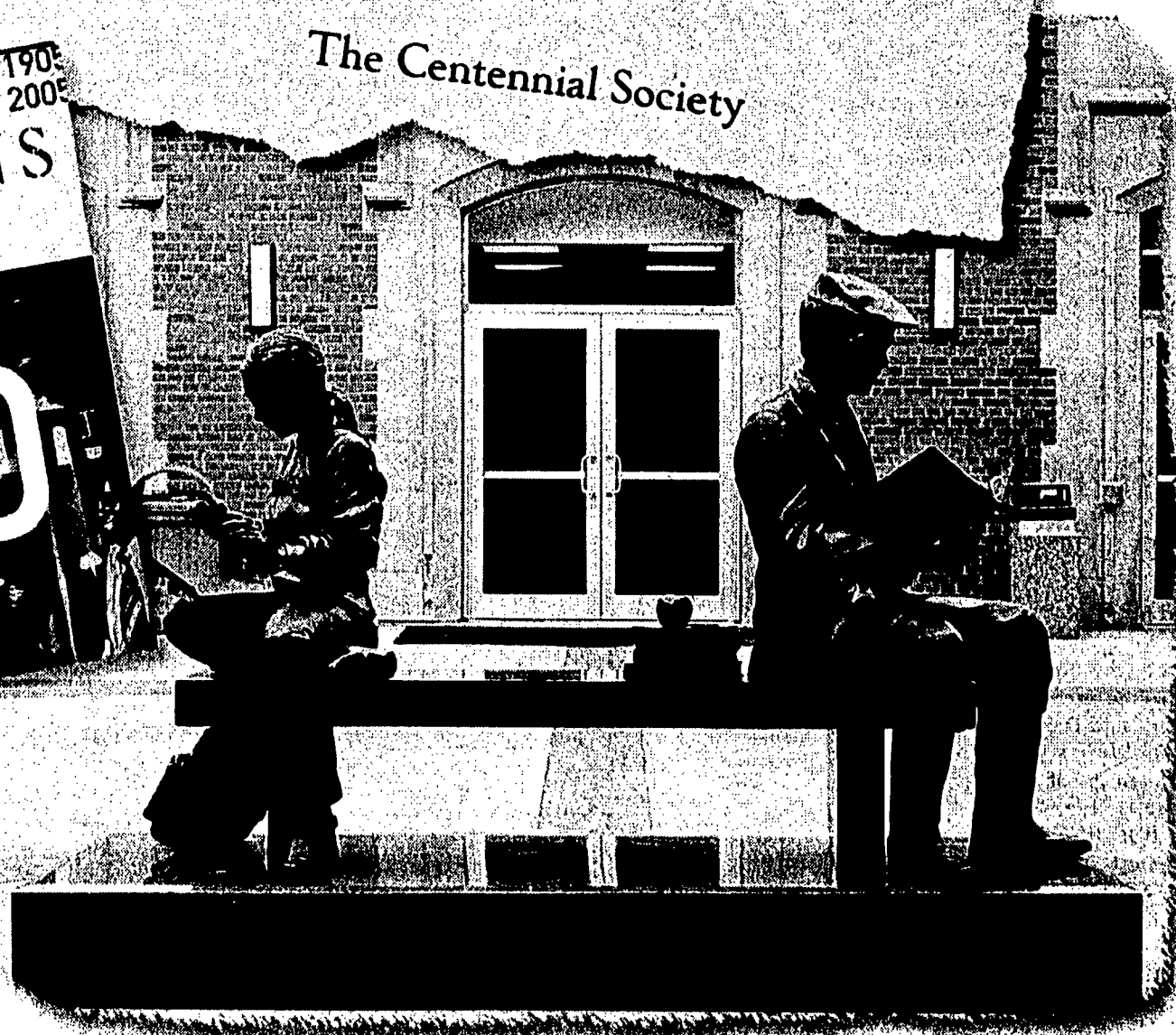
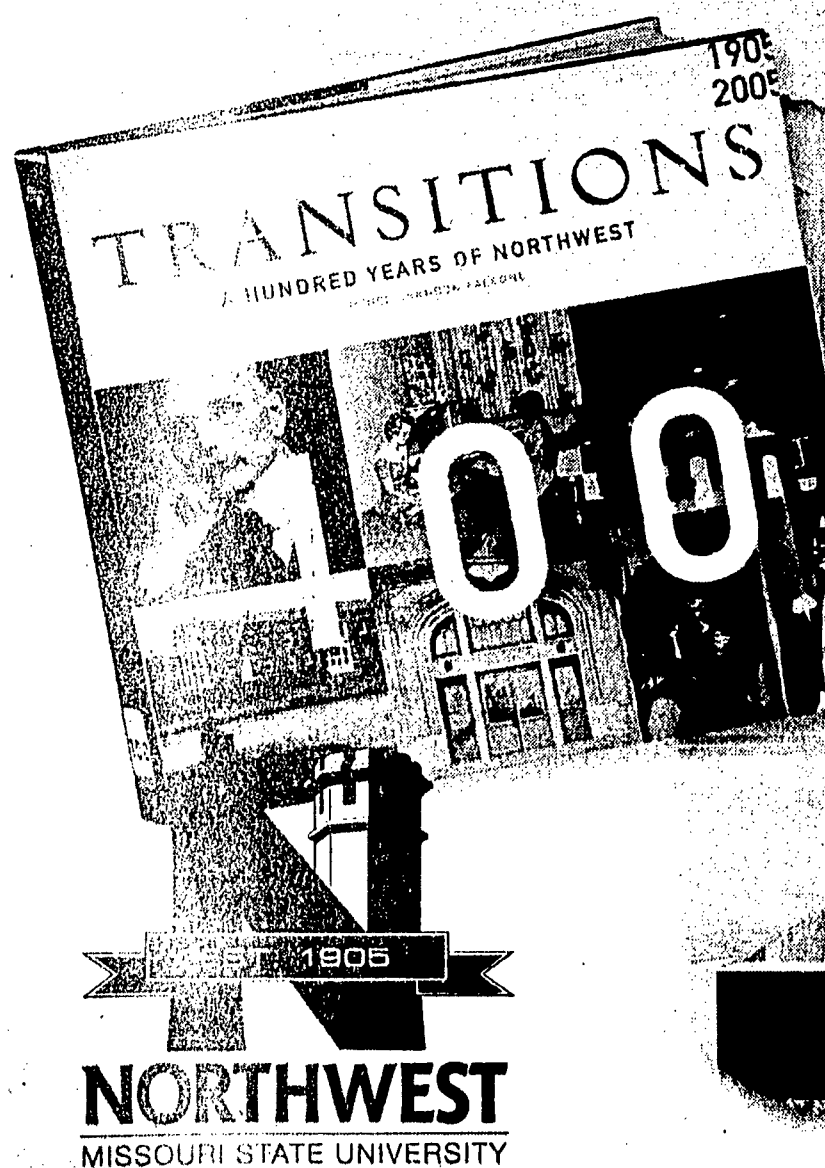
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The Centennial Society is composed of 100 University faculty, staff, alumni and friends who generously contributed \$1,000 per year for the past five years to provide funding for the centennial celebration and underwrite the very successful capital fund drive. "The Campaign for Northwest" has raised more than \$42 million for scholarships and University programs.

Best wishes to each of you.

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Renovated Hy-Vee shows competition

By Tara Adkins
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Instead of running around town to do endless errands, the Maryville community will soon be able to make one stop to eat, shop and fill up the tank.

Hy-Vee has been in the process of making additional features that will benefit the community and the company. The store is projected to open April 25, where the current store will move to the new addition and renovation will begin in the older area.

"It's time for an update and to offer more variety to our customers," employee Elaine Millsap said.

Several features will be added such as a deli, a floral department, 1-hour photo, Chinese food and the most anticipated feature—a gas sta-

tion.

"The gas station will have brand new interior options and will offer 21st century features that other gas stations in the community don't offer," Store Director Greg Chapman said.

The gas station is expected to be in the process of building in May and will provide competitively priced gas, a convenient store and a special discount to Hy-Vee customers who bring in their grocery receipt to fill up.

"Hy-Vee will be cleaner, be a better place to eat, have good service and will be able to compete with Wal-Mart," employee Sean Allen said.

The complete renovation date will be in October when both parts of the store will be updated, an added health market will be provided and the gas station will be complete.

Former regent, PR officer dies at 90

By Brett Barger
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Edward Davis Geyer, known simply as "Ed" died March 9 in Trenton, Mo. He was 90.

Geyer served on the Board of Regents from 1973 to 1979.

Bob Henry, who served as Northwest's Public Relations Officer from 1969 to 1996, worked with Geyer.

"He was an outstanding regent," he said. "He was extremely loyal to the University. Probably one of his biggest contributions was when he helped select the next University president after Dr. Foster."

Henry went on to praise Henry's support of University initiatives.

"He was very supportive

of the energy plant, which has saved the University a significant amount of money over the years," he said.

Geyer was born Dec. 9, 1915, in Maryville. He graduated from Graham High School, and received his bachelor's degree in education from what was then known as Northwest Missouri State Teachers College. Geyer then moved on to earn a master's degree in education from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

In 1948, Geyer became the principal of Trenton High School and then served as Dean of North Central Missouri College until 1966.

Along with serving as president of the Board of Regents, Geyer was also a past commander of V.F.W. Post No. 919 in Trenton.

What's happening during Northwest Week

Each year, Student Senate sponsors Northwest Week to celebrate the University's culture. This year's festivities, titled, "The Bearcat Bunch: 'We Are Family,'" are scheduled for Monday, March 27, through Saturday, April 1. Here's a quick guide to the events:

Monday

11 a.m.-1 p.m. BBQ with KZLX and the GAMMA Peer Educators @ the Bell Tower
9 p.m. Roommate Game sponsored by the Franken Hall Council @ Franken Hall (on campus participants only)

Tuesday

11 a.m.-1 p.m. Retro games, outside the Union

Wednesday

9 a.m.-11 a.m. Pancake feed @ the Bell Tower
9 p.m. Movie night with the GAMMA Peer Educators @ the Hangar

Thursday

11 a.m.-2 p.m. "Chubby Bunny with a Twist" eating competition, sponsored by RHA @ the Bell Tower
12:15 p.m. Tower Queen coronation @ the Bell Tower
10 p.m.-12 a.m. Rock the Rec Center

Friday

10 a.m.-2 p.m. "You've Been Sac'd," outside the Union
7:30 p.m. Northwest Dance Company presents "Poise" @ the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center-Tickets: \$5

Saturday

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Bearcat Street Sweep
12:30 p.m. BBQ, sponsored by RHA @ the Centennial Garden

CENTENNIAL: University commemorates building

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members of the president's cabinet in 1979.

Bush, who is also the chairman of the commemoration committee, said it is important for the University to recognize the building's past to understand its current role.

"The concept of legacy is so important," he said. "Getting a perspective of why (the Administration Building) is here like it is. It's like understanding the Civil War or the Revolutionary War—all of those kinds of issues that make us who we are today."

Bush and Henry see the fire as a turning point in the history of Northwest, an event that helped establish a new level of quality, a level that is evident to this day.

"My perspective is that the University and its people need to be reminded of this singular event, one of the most important events in the history of this institution, which started as a tragedy and ended as a victory," Henry said.

AN OPERA TO 'DIE' FOR



THE CAST of the Helicon Opera "Die Fledermaus" blend together music and comedy Friday evening at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Johann Strauss' work is considered to be one of the most popular operas in the world.

HOUSE: Bearden says bill shifts higher ed focus to students

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However, the bill's fiscal ambition to return Missouri higher education to the fiscal-year 2001 appropriation level raises the first of a number of concerns among administrators.

Northwest Provost Kichoon Yang voiced misgivings about a provision that upon reaching the 2001-level appropriations, the state will direct further appropriations toward a fund for student assistance programs also accessible to Missouri's private institutions.

Yang's concerns stem from a lack of a concrete timetable for the appropriations shifts and letting private universities in on public education funds already spread very thin.

As a result, Yang speculates, community colleges and private universities would see increased funding, while public universities, including Northwest, would find more difficulty in competing for funds.

"If you take too long to get back to the 2001 level, what happens to the inflation factor?" Yang said. "At this rate, it won't be until 2011 that we get back to that level. It doesn't take inflation into account."

"I see (funding private university scholarships) as a major policy change. Although public universities have more accountability provisions,

private universities can do whatever they want. They don't have the kind of public mission we have."

Truman State University President and member of the Council on Public Higher Education (COPHE) Barbara Dixon has too many questions to either support or oppose the bill.

"No one's done any modeling to find out what impact it will have on the universities," Dixon said. "It's clear that it would move money that is currently given to the state institutions to private institutions."

"The presidents have some concern that capping the funding at the 2001 level without adjusting for inflation would actually take us back further."

Bearden views a present-day step to former funding levels as a comparative improvement.

"We're only at a 1999 or 1998 funding level with the budgets we have today," Bearden said. "So moving forward to the 2001 level is in a much better position than what they enjoy now."

In addition, Bearden feels some university officials have misinterpreted the facts of the bill, however.

"We're not funding private institutions under this bill at all," Bearden said. "We're funding students."

"There's limited oversight by the Coordinating Board for Higher Educa-

tion (CBHE) of private institutions.

"The private institutions also have all the risk of providing these programs, because they're using their private funds to make these work."

He also refuted the concept that competition between the differing base missions of public institutions and private ones would be unfair.

"Public institutions are not very efficient, and they have no reason to be because they don't have to compete for their funding," Bearden said. "A little research institution is different than a large college, but that's true whether they're public or private."

"Private institutions in this state have a higher level of minority students than public students do."

So the assertion that the public universities are open more than the privates is simply not borne out of the facts."

Bearden said the bill marks a full-circle shift in focus.

"We've lost sight of focusing on the student," Bearden said. "For a number of years, we focused our funding on the institutions, and it really is about the students. That's why I think funding the scholarships is the way to go about that."

"I think that the more students who come to public universities with scholarships in hand help to fray the cost."

GUILTY: Bromert pleaded guilty to promoting child-porn

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trial, Roberts feels the nature of the images would've likely had a decisive impact on any jury.

"When you're dealing with instances where children, who aren't able to consent to any kind of act, are so obviously being abused, I can't help but think that jurors would've felt the way we felt," Roberts said.

Roberts noted the precarious position of choosing to pursue a more severe class B felony charge over the class C felony of possession of child pornography, which carries a penalty of up to seven years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$5,000.

Prosecutors in Clay County opted not to immediately pile on additional lesser charges, and instead pursue only

the one felony count.

"I think the prosecutors here historically have been careful to file what they believe they can prove," Roberts said. "You really don't see them go way off the reservation and file a whole bunch of things just to try to bang somebody into some kind of plea agreement later."

Roberts said a pre-sentencing assessment report reviewing Bromert's personal history, education and likelihood to re-offend could still sway the severity of the sentence. The current charges mark his first such arrest.

Calls to Ken Hensley, Bromert's attorney, were not returned.

Judge Larry D. Harman set Bromert's sentencing for May 19 in Division Four of Clay County Circuit Court.

HEALTH FEE: Forum held to discuss additional fees for center

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vice president of student affairs. "We're going to do the very best we can with students' money."

Ray Courter, vice president of finance and support services, said the president's cabinet discussed the health fee before it was taken before the Board of Regents, and the group decided it was the best idea for the University.

"We are charged with the responsibility to collaborate and discuss what best serves our students," Courter said. "We could ignore these issues, but what would that say about our institution?"

"To delay change would be more negative than making change. We have to make the difficult choice to move forward."

Both Courter and Porterfield said the health fee would not increase for the 2006-2007 academic year, though they could not guarantee in

subsequent years it would stay at the current rate.

The panel said it believed the majority of student concerns about the fee are not directed toward how their money is spent, but rather why they were not given an opportunity to voice their opinion before the proposal passed.

Porterfield said because the fee was passed in the summer, when most channels through which the University communicates information to students, such as Student Senate and the Residence Hall Association, were inactive, it proved difficult to get the word out to the student body.

"It inhibited our ability to communicate as effectively as we needed to," he said. "It was not an optimal time to introduce a new fee."

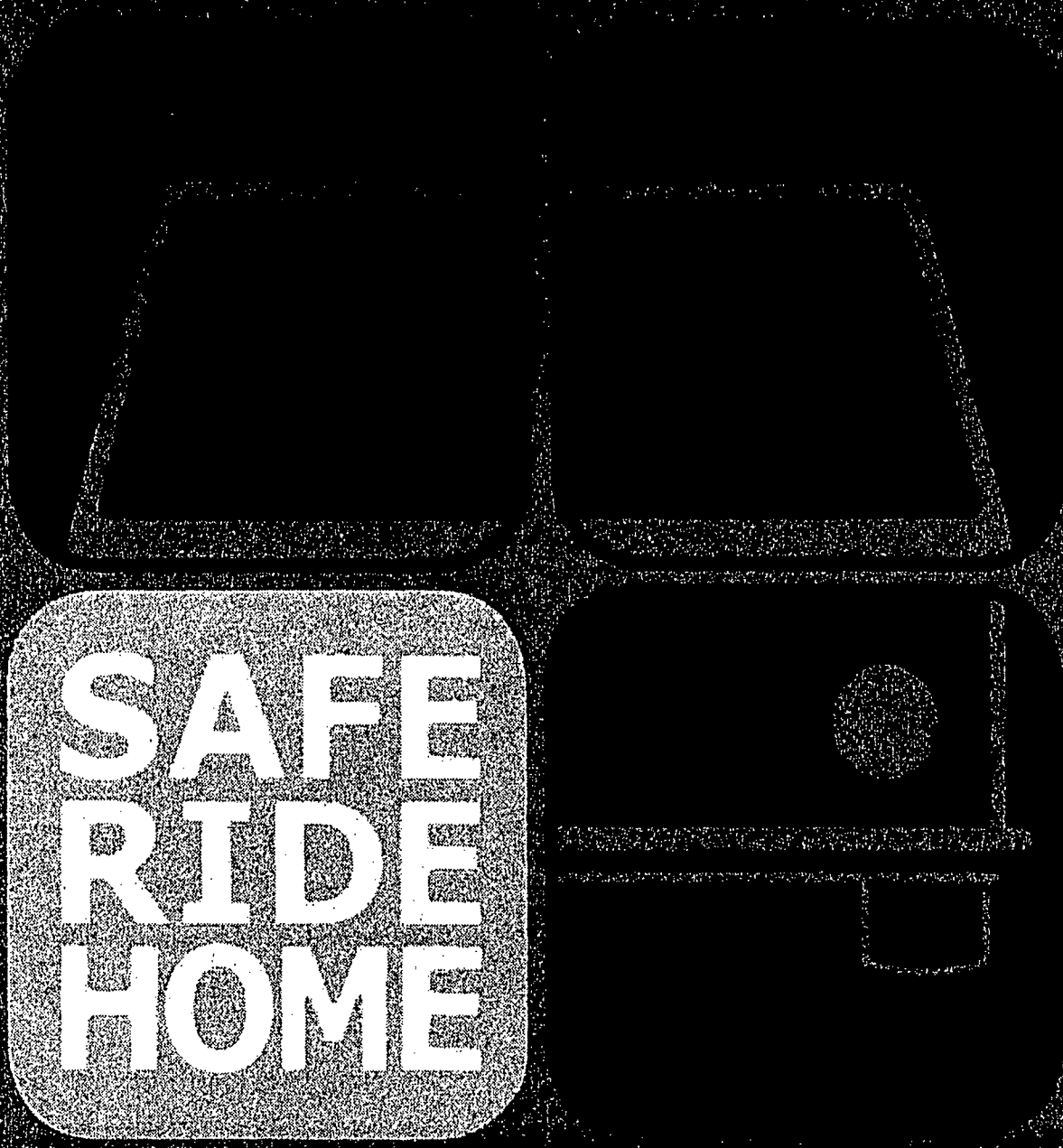
"We need to engage students earlier and more often, and to increase the number of opportunities for them to provide us with feedback."

Freshman Brittney West said there is a need for better overall communication between the Health Center, Counseling Center and students when it comes to explaining what services are offered.

"I think there should be more of a breakdown of medical terms, words that people don't understand," she said. "Put them in layman's terms, as simple as possible. Don't let people ignore information that's important to know."

Virginia Murr, assistant director of health and director of wellness, said the Health Center and Counseling Center are working with interactive digital media and marketing students to find new ways of communicating their features to Northwest in a "user-friendly" manner.

A list of services funded by the student health fee is available at nwmissouri.edu/healthcenter/fees.htm.



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Bolivar Breakdown



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ADDAE HOUSTON, far left, and Austin Meyer walk off the court after the loss to Tarleton State in the final seconds of the championship game. Tarleton State's Derek Atwood hit the game winning shot at the buzzer which ended the Bearcats season at 22-10.



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FAR TOP: NORTHWEST COACH Steve Tappmeyer (right) reacts after Northwest's 72-71 loss to Tarleton State as associate head coach Darren Vorderbruegge looks on. Above: Xavier Gaines tries to rip the ball out of Tarleton State's Nic Gamble's hands Wednesday night in Bolivar, Mo.

Last second shot, five minute collapse keep Bearcats out of Elite Eight

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BOLIVAR, Mo.—According to Northwest men's basketball coach Steve Tappmeyer, Tarleton State's LaRon Sheffield traveled.

That's not the story according to the referees or Sheffield.

With his team down a point and 9.2 seconds left, he hurried down the court, possibly shuffling his feet, before hurling

up an awkward jump shot. The shot was off but the Texans tipped the ball around and eventually Derek Atwood's tip went in at the buzzer and the Texans captured a 72-71 South Central Regional Championship Tuesday and a ticket to the Elite Eight.

"I don't have any doubt he traveled," Tappmeyer said. "Whatever, people miss calls. Within about a three-second stretch, I could have sworn I saw a good charge and a good travel, but again it didn't get called. We always say 'Don't make excuses.' And we're not going to start now."

Sheffield didn't feel he walked.

"Nope," he said with a smile.

Regardless of whether Sheffield traveled, Northwest let a 66-57 lead with 5:06 remaining slip away.

Hunter Henry gave Northwest, the fifth

seed, the nine-point lead, the biggest lead of the game, with a three-point play but then Tarleton State, the second seed, went on a 15-5 run to end the game.

Sheffield hit two free throws with 4:38 to go, then Northwest's Addae Houston turned the ball over due to Tarleton's full court press, leading to a three-point play. Mose Howard hit a three-pointer with 3:39 remaining to give Northwest a 69-62 lead.

Nic Gamble cut the lead to five with a lay up then Howard turned the ball over, which led to two Gamble free throws. On Tarleton State's next possession down, Gamble converted a lay up but missed the free throw for a possible three-point play. Sheffield hit a jumper to give Tarleton State a 70-69 lead on the next possession after a Victor James turnover with 1:17 left.

Despite another turnover by Howard (this time on an over and back call), Northwest still had a chance. Chris Johnson missed two free throws with 22.9 seconds left and Howard banked a running lay up with 9.2 seconds remaining.

Tarleton hurried down the floor where they were able to capture the title on some last second heroics by Atwood, who finished with four points.

For the game, Northwest turned the ball over 17 times—five times in the last 5 minutes.

"I don't think (we) handed it to them," Tappmeyer said. "I think there's no doubt that we know that we can execute better at that time but they were contributing to some

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Falkner claims fourth All-America

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Boston has been very good to E.J. Falkner during his track career.

Entering Friday and Saturday's Division II Indoor Championships, the junior earned All-America status twice in the 60-meter dash and the 200-meter dash.

Falkner continued his success with two more All-America honors in the 400-meter dash and the 200-meter dash.

Falkner ran a school record 48.19 seconds in the 400-meter dash, placing fifth.

In the preliminaries, Falkner set

a new school record in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.44 seconds. He went on to finish sixth in the event with a time of 21.65 seconds in the finals.

"We competed well," Northwest men's track coach Richard Alsop said. "I was a little disappointed in a couple of the kids, but for many of them, it was their first meet."

The rest of the participants did not fare as well, each failing to qualify for the finals.

Senior Alisha Samuel ends her indoor track career with a 14th-place finish in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.75 seconds.

Samuel said her lingering inju-

ries set her back in the competition.

"My injuries did play a significant role in my performance at the meet," she said. "I have been doing rehab on my injury for the past three weeks, therefore I was limited in the way I wanted to practice to prepare myself for this meet. I could not do specific things that might have enabled me to perform better at the meet."

Samuel owns a school and conference championship record in the 60-meter dash and is a two-time All-America.

"I have no regrets about my

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'Cats win two straight

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It was a game of oddities for the Northwest baseball team Wednesday afternoon.

By no coincidence it was the battle of 'cats' as the Bobcats of Peru State College took the field against the Bearcats.

Even more, the game was full of hit-batters, eight and runs scored, 25, on a day where the wind was blowing Mach 1 in from center field.

Northwest used big innings in the first, fourth and fifth to get past Peru State, 15-10.

Northwest head coach Darin Loe liked how his players are getting runs across a lot at a time, but wishes the runs would come more often.

"I like our mentality in those innings and obviously we had some quality at-bats in those innings and got some things rolling," Loe said. "Anytime you get the leadoff base runner on base in any inning you should be able to score runs."

In each of those big innings,

Northwest started those innings with a base runner on the paths before the first out was recorded.

The 'Cats also got a lift from their pitching today Starting pitcher Tad Hammett struggled early on, never really finding his groove. Loe pulled Hammett for reliever Cody Sinclair, who held the Bobcats to only one run in 5 1/3 innings pitched.

"He came in and did a great job, that's the Cody Sinclair that we have known we've had," Loe said. "We knew he had great stuff, he just finally came around and got an opportunity to prove himself again today and did a great job; (he) kept us in that ball game really."

Sinclair tallied five strikeouts in the win for the 'Cats.

The other story of the game was the wind that played games with the balls that were lofted in the air.

Fielding was tested as many players struggled to pick up where the ball would end up. Northwest center fielder Will Newland had

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Practices begin despite many injuries

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Making a national championship run took a toll on the Northwest football players and their bodies.

Around 10 returners either had some sort of surgery in the off-season or are currently injured.

So, as the spring football practice season gets underway, many new faces are getting a chance to shine.

"It's good for young guys ... Just giving them some great opportunities to get a lot of quality reps," Northwest football coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "Not just reps, but quality reps. I think that's really important. I think it's going to help our depth situation next fall."

The spring practices started last Thursday and continue until April 9. There are a total of 15 practices—three of which players can only wear helmets, not pads.

Especially this year, it just allows the team from getting rusty before the regular season starts in August, Tjeerdsma said.

"You have to have it," Tjeerdsma said. "It's really necessary for our young guys. If our whole team was coming back from last year, we could probably do without it—but we're not."

"So, a lot of those young guys are going to have to help us and they need this really bad."

Among the notable returners dealing with injuries, running back Xavier Omon recovers from toe surgery.

Tight end Mike Peterson will also sit out because of eligibility so that he has two more years to play when the actual season comes around.

Offensive lineman Joe Holtzclaw, defensive linemen Ryan Waters and Dallas Flynn and linebacker Ben Harness all had shoulder injuries to deal with.

Four players also are recovering from ACL injuries, including cornerbacks Brandon Clayton and Derek Garrett, defensive lineman Luke Mroz and linebacker Travis Grosshans.

"I think from a leadership standpoint it hurts us a little bit," Tjeerdsma said. "... To have those kind of guys out it hurts us a little bit. Those guys are doing what they can do to be involved."

Another big question that the practices might help to answer is who will be the starting quarterback. Sophomore Joel Osborn and junior Josh Mathews will both be fighting for the spot, as well as redshirt freshman Dray Johnson.

"It is competitive," Tjeerdsma said. "... They're real competing but it's a good competition. They help each other out. They know it's going to take more than one quarterback for us to be a good team."

The spot is open now as Josh Lamberson ended his career at the helm and will join Tjeerdsma on the sidelines as a graduate assistant.

The spring football season will officially end April 9 with a possible spring scrimmage to end the season.

Last year the scrimmage was open to the public and the team was split up. However, this year Tjeerdsma is not sure if it will happen.

"I'm not sure that we can have a spring game just because of some of the depth situations," Tjeerdsma said. "We're going to see."



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NORTHWEST SENIOR John White scored on a double steal in the bottom of the eighth inning on Wednesday afternoon against Peru State College. The Bearcats won against the Bobcats 15-10.

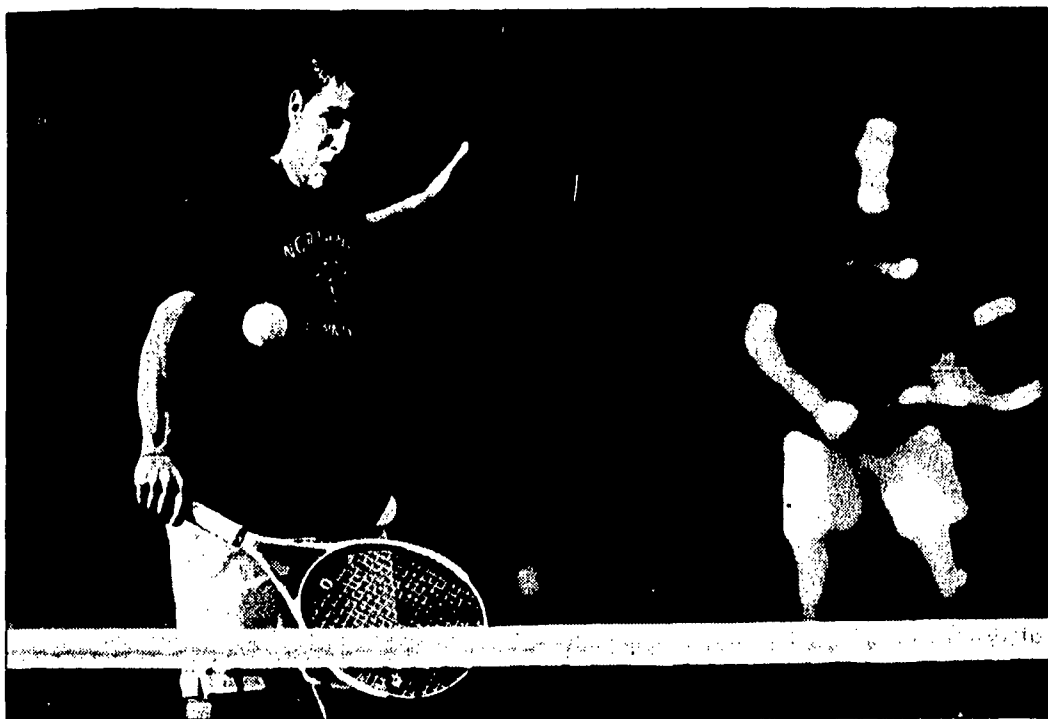


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NORTHWEST'S PABLO ACEBEDO fires back the ball in a match against Benedictine College on Wednesday afternoon. Acebedo is a sophomore from Barcelona, Spain.

Tennis team cruises along

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The stifling heat of summer has not hit the northwest Missouri area yet, but the Northwest women's tennis team is hot and off to a 4-0 start, continuing this streak with a 9-0 team victory over Highway 71 rivals the Missouri Western State Griffons.

The Bearcats as a team won every singles match in straight sets.

Senior Gina Lindsay led the 'Cats with a victory in the 'Cats sets over Mary Pankiewicz 6-2, 6-0.

Senior Erica Ramirez also had no trouble with her match, disposing of Tammy Liebersbach in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2.

In doubles, the duo of Lindsay and Ramirez defeated Mary Pankiewicz and Tammy Liebersbach 8-3.

Freshman Emily Lindsay and freshman Lena Gomez also notched a victory defeating Laura Rutten and

Audra Scopen 8-3.

Gomez said the outlook is good for the tennis season.

"We're playing good," Gomez said. "We win most of the matches. I think we are going to have a good season."

On the men's side, their season has not started out with a bang quite like their female counterparts, opening the season 3-3. They suffered their first three losses of the season falling to No. 16 Cameron (Okla.), 6-3, No. 1 Drury, 5-1 and Benedictine 7-2.

Northwest tennis coach Mark Rosewell said he considers the losses as quality losses early in the season.

"It's a good start ... We could have won the match with Cameron," he said.

In the first match against Cameron (Okla.), three 'Cats won their singles matches.

Pablo Acebedo defeated 25th ranked Carlos Fernandez in straight sets, 6-3, 7-6.

"Pablo's our No. 1 player

and he just knocked off the No. 25 ranked player in the country from Cameron," Rosewell said. "So I would say that he would be the leader (on the team)."

In doubles, the 'Cats were shut out, only losing by one or two points in each of their matches.

In the next matchup against Drury, the only glimmer of success came from the doubles team of Pablo Acebedo and Daniel Isieto, who defeated Matias Oddone and Kevin Otto, 8-5.

Things improved for the 'Cats in the match against Benedictine, with two players winning their matches.

In the singles, junior Chris Smith defeated Pablo Montesi, 8-1.

In doubles, Smith and sophomore Jake Saulsbury defeated Cristian Garcia and Pablo Montesi, 8-6.

The women resume action 4 p.m. Friday at home against Fort Hays State, while both teams will be in action 12 p.m. Saturday at Emporia State.

SPORTS BRIEFS

The Northwest softball team ran into some problems this past weekend as they faced off with MIAA conference rivals Washburn and No. 1 Emporia State.

The Bearcats entered into the games this weekend with a 6-3 record and finished the weekend at 7-6.

On Friday Emporia State showed the 'Cats why they are

the highest ranking team in the nation beating Northwest 5-1 in the first game and 11-2 in the second game.

Northwest searched for a way to get back to their winning ways on Saturday against Washburn, but had to wait until the second game to do it.

The 'Cats were shutout 3-0 in the first game and then

returned the favor shutting out the Ichabods 11-0 in the second game.

Cola Krueger picked up the win, pitching five shutout innings, allowing three hits and notching three strikeouts.

Next on the plate for the 'Cats are the Rebel Spring Games in Orlando, March 18 to 22. Northwest plays two games March 18, 19, 21 and 22.

High hopes for soccer

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A dream of winning the conference title kicks the Maryville Spoofhounds soccer team into high gear as preparation for the 2006 season gets underway.

The 'Hounds have begun practice and are working hard for the start of competition.

Conditioning is always first on the practice schedule, and head coach Bayo Oludaja hopes to keep stamina up throughout the season by sticking to a strict conditioning regime.

"The ball doesn't have a mind of its own," Oludaja said.

Ball handling, passing, and ball control are other techniques Oludaja incorpo-

rates into practices.

There are eight teams in the 'Hounds Midland Empire Conference and Oludaja believes that every team will be one to look for to present a challenge.

'Hounds senior, Dana DeMott is anxious to battle Platte County and Benton.

"Beat Platte County, they've always been our big rival, and Benton," DeMott said.

Improving the level of play and winning districts were some of the goals that DeMott and other seniors expressed as No. 1.

Along with DeMott, the other returning seniors are Liz Logsdon, Rachael Christian, Kessie Spire, Haleigh Vest and Krista Thompson.

Even though the 'Hounds are not lacking in upper-

classmen to step up and fill positions, many of last years' key players were also last years' seniors.

The 'Hounds lost key position players along their offensive midfield.

Not only do positions need to be replaced, but also the connections that those past players established.

"We can fill them," DeMott said. "But once we do it will be hard just to figure out how each other work and getting used to each other."

Play begins at 4 p.m. on Tuesday at Savannah, followed by another 4 p.m. game Thursday, against Lafayette.

Lafayette will be the first home game for the 'Hounds.

'Hounds bring high energy

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While the Maryville Spoofhounds baseball team lacks varsity experience, it makes up for it with enthusiasm for the game.

There is not one senior on the 2006 squad. Despite this, coach Brian Lohafer is anxious for the season to start so he can see his young, energetic team in action on the diamond.

"They've got a great attitude and I hope it translates into winning games," Lohafer said. "They don't get down on themselves very easily, they get right back in there."

After a 4-12 season, some of the juniors from last season decided not to return, which has opened up several

positions for the youngsters. However, Lohafer is reluctant to label 2006 as a rebuilding year.

"I don't want to say that word (rebuilding). Our kids are pumped," Lohafer said. "They think they can play with anybody in the conference this year and we've got a heck of a conference."

While nearly all of the lineup and pitching rotation will be made up of sophomores and juniors, the 'Hounds do have some returning players who had some key roles last year.

They have a "great" third baseman in junior Matt Parker, who is also their ace pitcher. Jesse Lamar, a left-handed hurler, along with Ryan Stiens, who is also a catcher, will be counted on to hold down the rotation

behind Parker.

Parker, who played over .370 last season, has drawn interest from a few Division I colleges like Florida State, Miami, and UNLV. With all of that, potentially ahead of him, he remains focused on the upcoming season alone.

"Last year we had some seniors that kind of wanted to get out of here, this year we're all about baseball. We're all about winning," Parker said. "We're trying to get this to be a baseball school and not just a football and basketball one. Maybe next year we're looking at maybe a district championship, this year we're just worried about competing."

Maryville kicks off their season at 4:30 p.m. Monday at Nebraska City.

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one instance in the third inning where he misjudged the ball only to have it fall out of his glove and onto the ground.

"The wind is a factor, I just misplayed one and that's how it goes sometimes," Newland said.

His chance for redemption came very soon as he crushed a home run to left field in the fourth inning. He also gunned down a runner trying to score from second for the last out of the eighth inning.

Newland wasn't the only Northwest player who hit a dinger, first-baseman Britt Westman launched a two-run shot over the left field fence in the first inning.

"With the wind blowing in I didn't think there was a chance of it going out because of how high I hit it, but I got it good and luckily it went out," Westman said.

Even with a 13-10 lead going into the bottom of the eighth inning, the lead wasn't good enough for Loe. With men on first and third and one out, left fielder Billy Burns stepped up to the plate after only having one previous at-bat on the day and laid down a suicide squeeze bunt to score Newland.

"Billy did a great job right there, he's one of the key members of our team. I know he's not getting a whole lot of game reps because of the people we have in front of him right now," Loe said. "It just goes to show the char-

acter of Billy Burns, he was sitting on the bench, he was prepared for whatever situation he was in and he came in and executed exactly what we needed to do when he was asked. He was mentally and physically prepared for that situation."

Northwest is riding a two-game win streak after winning the second game in a double-header against University of Nebraska-Omaha on Saturday.

A tentative makeup game is scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday, at home against University of Minnesota-Crookston, a game that was postponed from Sunday. Northwest is scheduled to play Wayne State at noon on Saturday in Wayne Neb., and back home at 1 p.m. Sunday in Maryville.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Five Northwest women's basketball players continue receiving honors despite the season being finished.

Meghan Blay, Laura Friederich, Kalena Kenney, Erin Lohafer and April Miller

were the five representatives for Northwest on the 2005-06 Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll women's basketball.

A total of 36 conference players were named to the

elite academic list.

All of the student-athletes on the MIAA list must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and must be at least be a sophomore in standing to be eligible.

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Jefferson soars into state

Eagles hope to grab Class 1 title

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Just relax.

That's the message Jefferson head coach Tim Jermain is passing on to his team as they prepare for their second consecutive trip to the Class 1 semifinals.

"I thought maybe we were feeling pressure and maybe playing a little bit tighter than they should have been during the district finals and the sectional game against South Holt," Jermain said.

That all changed for the Eagles (30-0) when they shot their way past Stet in the state quarterfinals last Saturday at Bearcat Arena. The Eagles hit six 3-pointers in the first quarter alone and grabbed an early 17-0 lead before dashing to a 66-28 win.

In the days leading up to the quarterfinals, Jermain said he saw the team begin to loosen up.

"We just really started relaxing," he said. "I think there was a lot of pressure for the team to make it back to Columbia, but we have done that."

The Eagles face off against Silex (28-2), a team that resembles Jefferson at 9:15 tonight at Mizzou Arena in Columbia.

"They like to pressure the ball a lot like us," Jermain said. "One thing they will probably do is shoot the three-pointer a lot more often and more quickly than we do."

One element of Silex that creates problems for the Eagles is their height.

Three starters for the Owls are at least 6'4" tall. They are led by forward Bradley Mudd who averages 16.8 points per contest.

Jefferson is led by Kody Schieber with 15.1 points per game.

Facing an opponent with height isn't something new for Jefferson as they head into tonight's game.

When the Eagles played in the state finals last season they faced North Shelby's 6'9" center Cody Stoneburner.

"We definitely match up better with 6'5" guys than 6'9" guys," Jermain joked.

One thing the Eagles hope will also help them this weekend is a recent contest they picked up with Hogan Prep.

Hogan, a Class 3 quarter finalist, played Jefferson in a game that was added late in the year.

"One of the reasons we added that game was so that we could get some game experience that will help us down (in Columbia)," Jermain said.

A win puts Jefferson in the state championship at 1:45 p.m. Saturday. If the Eagles lose they will play at 10:35 a.m. Saturday in the third place game.

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of that, they had great pressure obviously, a lot of physical play."

It was the third time all season Northwest turned the ball over more than the opponent—losing all three games.

"We didn't do the best job of executing," Houston said.

Tarleton State went to the free throw line 27 times, but only made 13. Northwest went to line just 10 times, making eight free throws. Tarleton State boasts four players taller than 6-foot-7. Tarleton State won the battle in the paint, scoring 30 points, compared to Northwest's 16. They also had 20 second-chance points off 15 offensive rebounds.

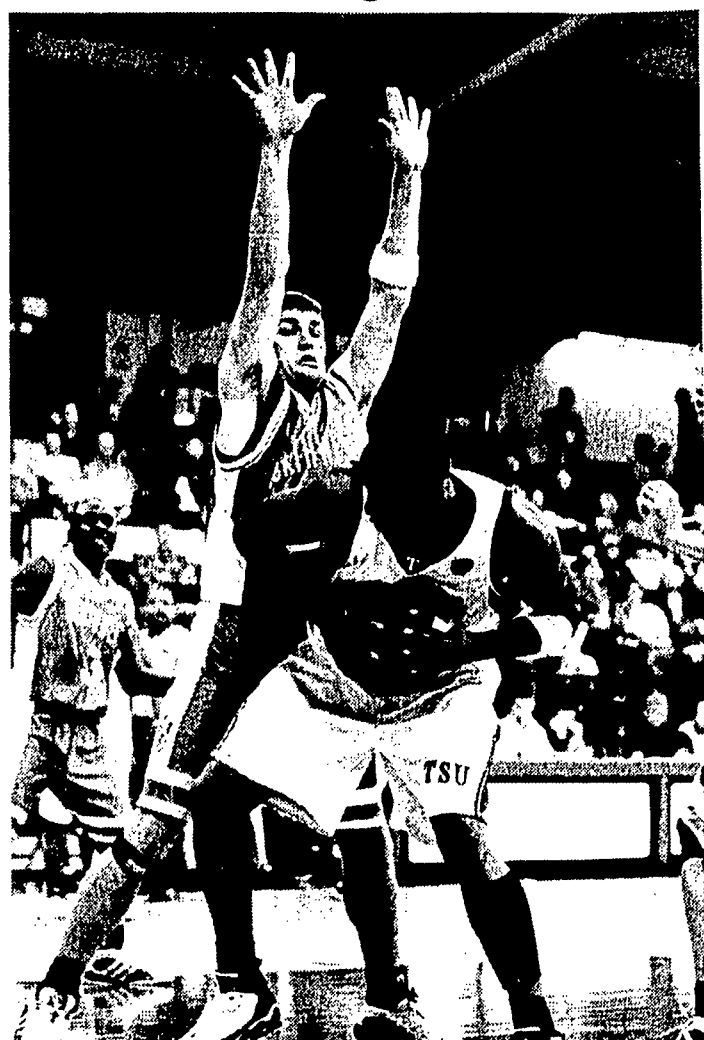
Northwest's big man, Matt Withers, finished with two points but fouled out with 2:41 left.

However, Tarleton State coach Lonn Reisman said Northwest stayed right with them.

"They're one of the grittiest teams we faced all year," Reisman said.

Tarleton led 31-29 at half-time but the lead changed 20 times—14 times in the first half. Northwest took the lead with 7:35 remaining in the game but could not hold on.

Houston led Northwest with 21 points and hit 6-of-7 three pointers. Xavier Gaines (13), Howard (12) and Henry (11) also finished



ANDY PETERSON guards a Tarleton State forward Tuesday night at the South Central regional championship. Northwest loss 72-71.

It's always about winning

On March 8, *USATODAY* ran a story on Connecticut point guard Marcus Williams entitled "Second Chance not lost on UConn's Williams."

What horrible ordeal did Williams go through? Williams does not suffer from a debilitating illness. Williams did not suffer a season-ending injury.

Williams in fact was caught last spring attempting to sell stolen laptops that his friend and teammate A.J. Price lifted from a dormitory on the Storrs campus. Price was suspended for the season, while Williams got a slap on the wrist—a slap that banned him from basketball until Jan. 13.

The handling of the incident by head coach Jim Calhoun raises ethical questions, whose Huskies enter the NCAA tournament with a No. 1 seed in the Washington D.C. regional, led by Williams's 10.7 points and 8.6 assists.

Is it more about cutting down the nets, then maintaining the credibility of the

The Bottom Line



Brett Berger
Chief Reporter

program?

In this instance, it would appear that glory outweighs everything.

Calhoun understood the gravity of his decision as his induction into the basketball hall of fame loomed, but still decided

to allow Williams back onto the team.

The Connecticut basketball program is one of the most elite programs in the nation both women and men. The decision has left a black eye on the program and should have been rectified with a season long suspension of Williams. The program should be proud if they do in fact capture their third national championship, but reflect on what it took to get there and realize that a stolen laptop helped along the way.

The NCAA has, for the most part, done its part in sending a message to players that improprieties will not be tolerated. It is time that the NCAA takes a more aggressive stand in how coaches

discipline their players

Connecticut is not the only school trudging ethical lines.

New Mexico allowed forward Aaron Johnson back onto the team, after he struck a police officer outside a bar. The team is also home to J.R. Giddens, who was part of the famous "Moonbar Incident," while he was a member of the Kansas Jayhawks.

Although the university did not formally discipline Giddens, it was made clear he would not be a member of the basketball team.

The NCAA lists on their Web site their beliefs and commitments. Among those are to maintain the highest levels of integrity and sportsmanship.

Without the NCAA, athletes that move on to the pros walk into situations that they did not encounter in college.

Pro organizations like the MLB, NBA and the NFL teach what they can to its players on conduct and how to stay in trouble.

In the end, when they allow clowns like Ron Artest and Terrell Owens to run around acting like a couple of pre-madonnas, they fail to get the point across and maintain its integrity.

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indoor career," she said. "I believed that I put forth my best effort every time that I had to face the starter. I accomplished a lot of things I did not think I could have done."

Senior Travis MacKenzie placed 10th in the weight throw with a toss of 57' 9 1/2". MacKenzie ends his indoor career with a school record throw of 59' 10 1/4".

Junior Eric Isley finished 13th in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:56.17.

Isley concludes the indoor season with a

conference championship and a conference championship record.

Junior Bayo Adio wrapped up his first year at Northwest with a 10th place finish in the high jump with a jump of 6' 7". Adio needed two more inches to earn All-America status. He finishes the indoor season with a conference championship.

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Friday

Have a good break!



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Sleep in



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Sunday

Watch a movie



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Monday

Go shopping



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Tuesday

Eat lunch with family



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Wednesday

Read a favorite book



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COUNTDOWN

1 day until Spring Break starts

31 days until Easter

48 days until final exams



The Stroller

Your Man has been feeling out of it for awhile. This is especially bad because he's not sure if he was ever in it.

However, in light of a recent burnout, Your Man is formally announcing the absence of his column next week, March 23.

He hopes you understand his reasons for this.

He plans to take this time for some serious meditation and reconnecting with Mother Earth, or whatever it is that those hippies do.

They are very mellow

people, those hippies. Your Man doesn't know if the lack of showering causes drowsiness or if there's some other influence at play, but Your Man wants to know.

Your Man's not too enthusiastic about all those protest rallies that hippies like to have. Remember that time they put up that giant trash bag barrier blocking one of the sidewalks outside the Union? That was inconvenient. Not cool, man.

Your Man is basically saying he doesn't really understand hippies, but maybe it's time he learned a little more. They seem to be the quintessential scapegoat for society, and they don't seem to mind because free love is a pretty sweet deal.

Do you ever wonder why non-conformists form

groups? Isn't that counterintuitive? But for some reason the hippies seem to have missed that memo. They said something about not being able to read because of all the smoke.

Your Man said they should probably open a window and grab a fire extinguisher because smoke inhalation can be deadly. They laughed then. They laughed a lot. Your Man didn't think it was that funny.

Then they got really hungry and ate all of Your Man's chips. Your Man was going to get really angry, but he just couldn't bring himself to get riled up about anything.

That's when Your Man figured out the hippies' secret—severe amounts of smoke inhalation. Your Man then proceeded to burn a bag

of popcorn in the microwave until it actually caught fire, but the smoke alarms really killed the hardcore meditation he was experiencing as his brain was deprived of oxygen. Then his rent went up.

Of course, Your Man has never actually had an in-depth conversation with hippies, but this is how he imagines it would have played out. He hears hippies like chips (except the vegans).

The closest Your Man has come to talking with hippies was when he met the one-armed, unkempt homeless man at the Greyhound Bus Station in Atlanta. He even showed Your Man the stump where his arm used to be!

He also did a few tricks that involved tossing a quarter and catching it with his

stump. Your Man was pretty impressed, and he gave him \$5 for food.

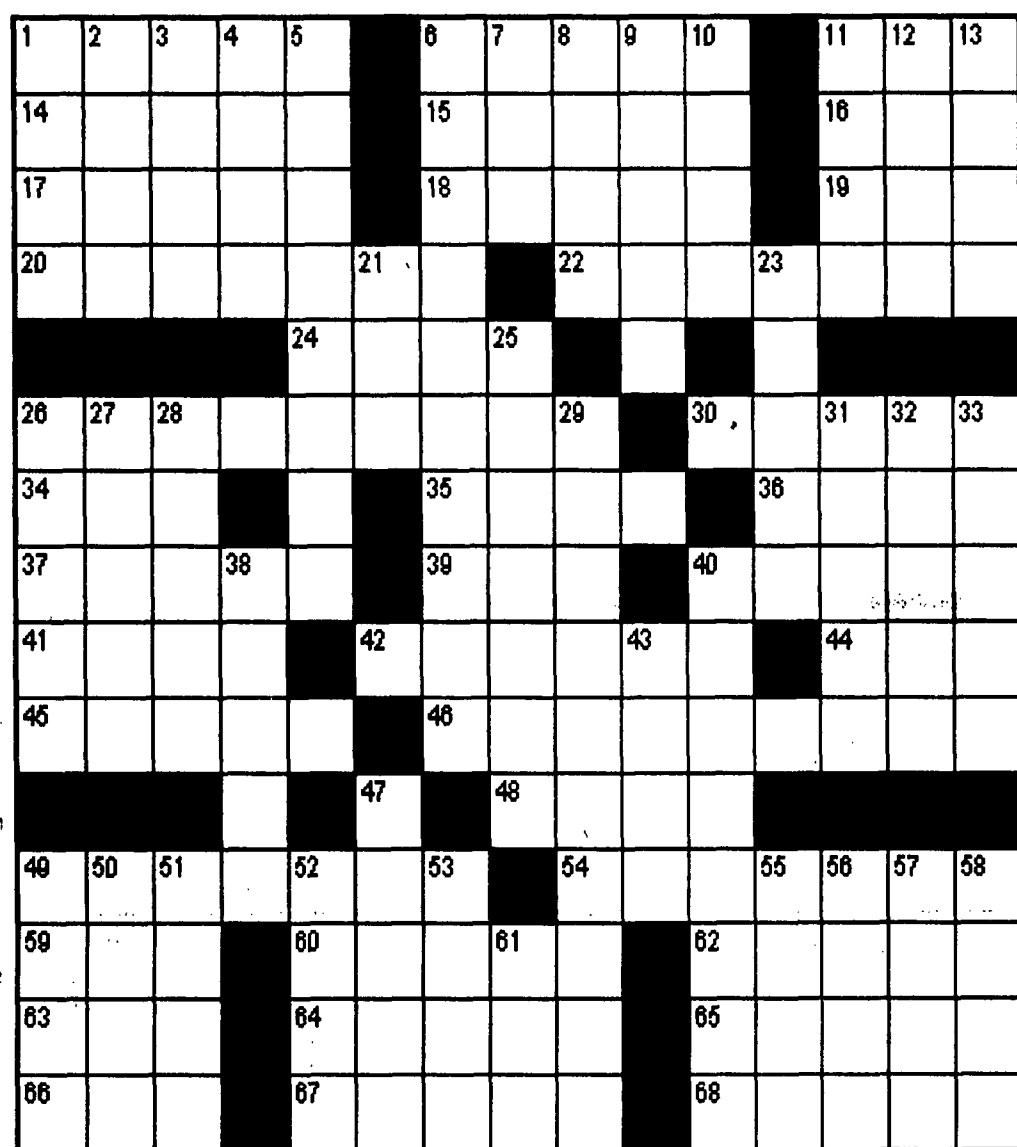
Someone else asked Your Man if he had any crack on him at that same bus station, but Your Man explained he had never done cocaine. The man insisted Your Man was a frequent drug user, but he was wrong. Your Man kind of likes Atlanta. He met a few crazy homeless men there. Good times.

Maybe that's where he'll go during his hiatus. Probably not, but he knows he'll be out of town for awhile. Maybe he'll ride the rails with the hobos, but then he could end up getting track marks.

That's not a good idea.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of *The Northwest Missourian*.

PUZZLEMANIA



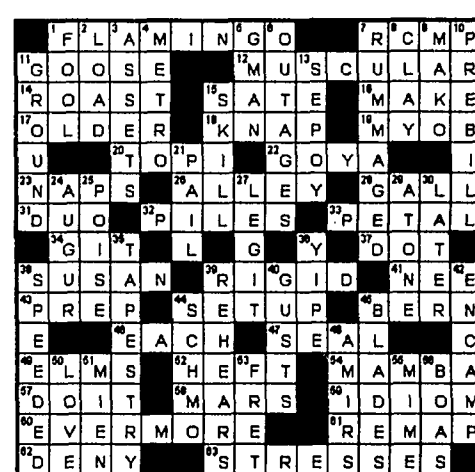
Across

1. Male animals
6. Dashboard (mainly Brit)
11. Cosmetic, drug and food assessors
14. Judging committee
15. Iranian money
16. Outer edge
17. Starting musical passage
18. Acknowledge to be true
19. First Lady?
20. Capital of Bhutan
22. Characteristic of the pampas
24. Engine housings
26. Luminescent marine protozoan
30. Underwater worker
34. Top fighter pilot
35. Overdue
36. Tudor statesman
37. Coldly
39. Hard tough wood
40. Military chaplain
41. Hick
42. Not luxurious
44. Stunned
45. Scent
46. Not permanent
48. Old English annual or semi-annual court
49. Shacks against trees or buildings (4-3)
54. Having two colors (3-4)
59. Fruiting part of corn
60. Got up
62. Feudal estate
63. Nontextual matter
64. Occur again
65. Thespian
66. Insect

Down

2. Hyperbolic tangent
3. Not in favor of
4. Seed
5. Messily
6. Dishonest
7. Help
8. Temporary shelter
9. Of the upper hipbone
10. Material testing agency
11. At large
12. Distinguished female singer
13. So be it
21. Entire (prefix)
23. First ballerina
25. Surgical knife
26. Monetary unit of Nigeria
27. Come to mind
28. Crybaby tree
29. Evaporation measuring instruments
31. Russian liquor
32. Inaccuracy
33. Thin-sounding
38. Yellow color
40. Mosaic of aerial photographs
43. Cast forth
47. Early 1950s theater of war
49. Foliage unit
50. Male name
51. Artillery
52. Small fruit pie
53. Hit hard
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56. On the track of
57. Brightest point
58. Slips
61. Proceed against

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'Just Friends' is just the same

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Have you ever had that one friendship that you wished would become more?

Chris, played by Ryan Reynolds (*Waiting, Van Wilder*) was a high school loser who was always best friends with the most popular girl, Jamie Palamino, played by Amy Smart (*Starsky and Hutch, Win a Date With Tad Hamilton!*). After confessing his love in her yearbook, his entry is publicized to the whole school by a jock, leaving him humiliated.

Years later, Chris has become a successful record producer who has left his geeky years behind him. An accident on the way to Paris, leaves Chris and a newly-signed singer who is obsessed with him at his home where he grew up. After running into Jamie, he remembers how much he is in love with her, and will do anything to make Jamie love him, as more than "just a friend."

The film was supposed to make audiences fall over laughing, but it didn't earn more than a couple of chuckles. The movie gave the same



predictability as any other romantic comedy, and spent more time trying to make the audience laugh rather than

developing the plot. It was slow and the film could have been cut by at least 30 minutes.

By the end of the movie, I wished I would have listened to my gut, and saved myself the money. I thought maybe it would have been different from the usual, but I was wrong.

Ryan Reynolds did give a decent comedic performance, but I expected more because of his past roles. The charisma he portrays on screen adds a bit more to the movie, and makes the jokes slightly funnier.

The audience this movie will appeal to are romantic comedy fans who are looking for a similar plot line as every other movie. Other than that, save yourself the time and money.

St. Patrick's Day in Maryville

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, here are some fun beer facts...

■ In English pubs alcohol is ordered in pints and quarts; so in old England, when patrons became difficult, the bartender would lecture them to mind their own pints and quarts. This where the phrase, "mind your Ps and Qs," originated.

■ In old England, regular customers at the pub would have whistles baked into the rim of their beer mugs. The whistle was later used to hail the bartender for a refill. This is where the phrase, "wet your whistle," originated.

■ In 1740, an Admiral of the British fleet began to water down his crew's rum supply. The angry crew nicknamed Admiral Vernon, Admiral Old Grog, after the coats of grogan he wore. The term, "groggy," refers to the drunken state derived from consuming such liquor.

■ Before the thermometer was around, brewers used to check the temperature of the alcohol by dipping their thumbs into it. This determined the proper temperature for the brewers to add yeast. If the temperature became too hot the yeast would die. This is where the phrase, "the rule of the thumb," originated.

Information from Theholidayspot.com.



Editor's Flick Picks

Each week a *Missourian* staffer will entice you to broaden your viewing pleasure with their favorites. This week is Brendan Kelley, Assistant Sports Editor.

If Only

Originally released in 2004 in Europe, this film has yet to be released in the United States.

It was shown on ABC Family a couple of months ago, but will not be available on DVD until May of 2006.

This heartbreaking story is directed by Gil Junger and stars Jennifer Love Hewitt (Samantha Andrews) and Paul Nicholls (Ian Wyndham). The story is about an American musician living in London (Hewitt) and her boyfriend (Nicholls).

Samantha is killed in an auto accident after a fight with Ian.

Ian witnesses the wreck and is left to wonder if he did everything he should have done to make Samantha happy.

One morning, Ian wakes up and lying next to him is Samantha.

It appears as though Ian has been given a second chance at love and life.

The question is can you change the course of fate?

A lot of people who read this will probably think that this type of movie is not for them, but this is not your typical "chick flick" and while it may appear to be similar to *Groundhog Day* the story and questions the film lays out are much more thought out and deep than those presented in *Groundhog Day*.

This film leaves you questioning how we approach relationships and shows us how quickly they can disappear.

A River Runs Through It

Directed by Robert Redford, this film appeals to anyone who loves the outdoors, fishing, or has never understood why things in life happen the way they do.

Based off of an autobiographical novel written by Norman Maclean, *A River Runs Through It* tells the story of the Maclean brothers, Norman (Craig Sheffer) and Paul (Brad Pitt) growing up in Missoula, Montana. The story begins with the boys' father Rev. Maclean (Tom Skerritt) preaching and taking them fly-fishing.

What follows is a story of life. The brothers grow up and go different directions.

Norman goes to college and returns after receiving a degree in education. When Norman returns from school he finds most things to be the same as before, but not everything.

His brother Paul has gotten himself into situations that he can't get out of. Norman and the rest of the family struggle with how to help Paul, but it seems as though no one can.

The film poses many questions about life and love.

At first glance it may appear that it is intended for those who enjoy fishing and can relate to the outdoors, but passing this film up just because you do not fish would be a huge mistake.

Field of Dreams

This movie, directed by Phil Alden Robinson, is a must see for anyone who loves baseball or believes in the power sports have to make things right.

The film, based off of a novel written by W.P. Kinsella, centers around Ray Kinsella (Kevin Costner). Ray is out in a cornfield one day when he hears a voice telling him to build a baseball field and if he does Shoeless Joe Jackson (Ray Liotta) will come back and play.

Jackson, along with seven other members of the 1919 Chicago White Sox, were banned from baseball for life for "throwing" the World Series to make a profit.

It was never proven that Jackson was guilty and the movie is based loosely on the fact that perhaps he is innocent.

Ray travels across the country and takes part in many conversations and adventures that seem improbable only to return home and figure out that everything that has been happening is about him.

While this film is based around supernatural themes and may be unrealistic to some, in the end it is a very moving story about the power baseball has as our nation's pastime and the way a game can bring together a father and a son.

61*

A baseball classic directed by Billy Crystal, this film follows the home run race in the summer of 1961 between teammates Roger Maris (Barry Pepper) and Mickey Mantle (Thomas Jane).

Maris and Mantle are both on pace to break Babe Ruth's single season home run record, but unfortunately the fans only want one of them to break it. Maris receives threats directed toward him and his family.

The pressure eventually gets to Mantle who has to bow down early in the season due to injury and leaves only Maris to beat the record.

Maris is not the hero the fans want though and as he grows nearer and nearer to the record he receives more and more criticism.

In the end Maris breaks the record, but doesn't do it in the same amount of time as Ruth did it.

This is a very accurate, yet entertaining look at the home run chase and the pressure the two men faced chasing the legend of Babe Ruth.

This was Crystal's chance to make a movie depicting his favorite team, the Yankees, and his two childhood heroes, Maris and Mantle, and he knocked the opportunity out of the park.

Life As A House

Released in 2001, *Life as a House* is directed by Irwin Winkler and stars Kevin Kline as George Monroe along with Kristen Scott Thomas as Robin Kimball. Hayden Christensen plays their son, Sam.

George is diagnosed with terminal cancer and knows that he does not have much time.

When George learns that he will in fact die he decides to have Sam, who has been living with his mother and her new husband, spend the summer with him.

Sam has other plans though and has become addicted to different kinds of drugs. He is on a steady decline in both school and his personal life.

George finally convinces Sam to move in with him.

George has been an architect his entire life and has dreamed of constructing his dream house on a lot facing the sea.

After a struggle Sam and George team together, and attempt to beat the clock to give George his dream before it's too late.

This is a very serious and sad look at a father and son relationship that came along too late in life.

It reminds us that we should value those moments we spend with family and loved ones, because we never know when it is all going to come to an end.

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THE FRANKUM
Century Farm has been in the family since 1866. At acquisition, the farm consisted of 160 acres and was purchased for \$1,000. Today, the farm spans approximately 3,000 acres and is worth nearly

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Forever HOME

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With a hurried push from her brother, she twists 'round and 'round in the tire swing attached to the massive maple tree in the front yard. She spins, giggling, as nearly 2,700 acres of farmland and memories swirl around her.

To Hailey and her two brothers, the memories have just begun. The farm means tractor rides with their dad, hours of tossing around the football and baseball and romping across the yard with Hunter, the black Labrador Retriever who wandered one day into the yard and into their playtime.

But to the generations before them, the 140-year-old farm means more.

In the outskirts of Maryville, a rutted road winds its way to the Frankum Century Farm. And while Jason and Deby Hull's name adorns the welcome sign, their's is the fifth to take its turn. In addition to hours of work, the farm has been site for five generations of reunions, Christmases and birthday parties.

"It's more than a piece of land," Jason's mother and fourth-generation farmer, Gayle, said. "It's our livelihood."

The original farm was 160 acres and worth \$1,000

in 1866; today, the hills and plains span nearly 2,700 and is worth approximately \$380,000.

A two-story house once occupied the land, but an unusually dry summer in 1951 gave Gayle's father time

enport, Iowa, in 2002, his parents, brother and two sisters shared the smaller living space. As their three children run through the kitchen, into the living room, Jason and Deby laugh that twice the space doesn't seem like enough—even with one less child.

Coming home

Punching numbers at a desk all day didn't compare to harvest.

In 1965, Jason's father, Max, tried his hand at accounting. By 1974, he heard the farm calling him home.

"You can take the kid out of the farm but you can't take the farm out of the kid," Gayle said.

After graduating from University of Missouri-Columbia, Jason was an agriculture engineer for

nine years. But when his father told him he needed help with the family farm in 2002, he knew where he belonged. He wanted to do his part to make sure the farm legacy—and memories—con-

tinued.

"It was the same song, different verse," Gayle said. "I am so proud of him coming back to help his father."

Continuing the legacy

Carrying on the fifth generation of a century farm or any farm proves bittersweet, Deby said. Moving from the city to rural Maryville has been rewarding, but not without a string of challenges.

The first year on the farm, Max turned a \$2 profit because of a severe drought. Jason faced the same challenge in 2002, failing to run in the black for two years.

"You have to find the balance to life and love of farming for each generation to want to do it," Deby said.

She also believes both parents have to work together to ensure farm continuation. Without five generations of mutual respect and support, the farm likely wouldn't have survived.

In the city they felt taken care of. Shopping was easily accessible. Variety surrounded them. But in the end, they prefer the serenity of rural farm life to the hustle and bustle of the city—a reminder that this is where

they want to be, helping carry out the legacy.

"At the end of the day, we want to come home here as parents," Deby said.

Every three years the family holds a reunion to celebrate those helping make the history possible. Gunny sack races, apple-bobbing contests and barbecue beef sandwiches in 2004 reminded everyone how much the family and farm means to them.

One by one, generations took turns to help dig a hole to plant an apricot tree—a simple symbol of past memories and generations of future farmers.

Continuation will be partly up to Hailey and her two brothers—a decision Jason and Deby are leaving entirely to the children.

"It will be up to them," Deby said. "If they want to go fly in the world, we'll support them."

As for now, the Hull's have no intention of moving off the farm, the fifth generation of family reunions and memories secured.

"You never know what's going to happen," Deby said. "But if we had our choice, we'd be here forever."



HAILEY CONTINUES her playtime in a tire swing attached to a maple tree in the front yard. Unlike the farm, the tire swing doesn't have much of a history—it's only been on the farm as long as she has.

to build a one-story brick ranch in front of the demolished house.

The house has since doubled in size.

Prior to Jason moving his family here from Dav-

Century Farms

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To qualify, farms must meet the following guidelines:

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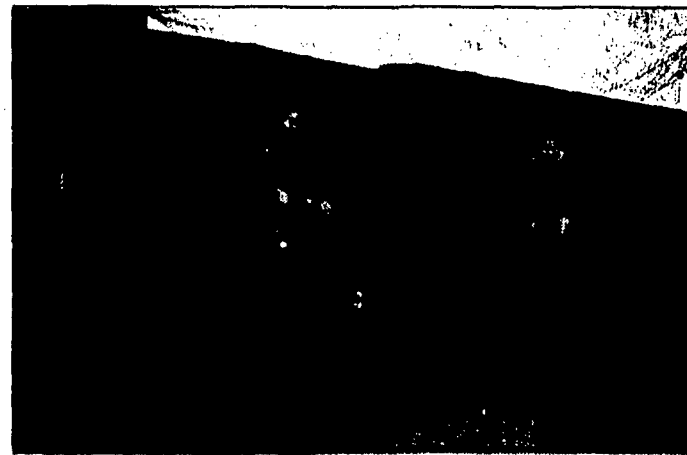
■ The family shall consist of direct descendants only.

■ The farm must be at least 40 acres of the original land acquisition and make a financial contribution to the overall farm income.

Applications and information are available through your local Extension office or at Extension.missouri.edu/centuryfarm from Feb. 1 through June 1.

A \$25 fee is required to cover the cost of certificates, farm signs and booklets.

For more information call your local Extension office at (660) 582-8101 or the University of Missouri Century Farms office at (800) 292-0969.



JASON AND DEBY Hull and their children have been on the Frankum Century Farm since 2002. Some of the children's favorite things to do are ride in the tractor and throw the football and baseball around with their dad.